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Today

A whole new view



Meet Benjamin J. Allen, president of the University of Northern Iowa

Ben Allen is a model for first-generation college students. Raised in a single-parent household with two siblings, he knew how hard his mother worked in the office at Western Electric. He worked on his grandparents' farm and concentrated his energies on doing well in school. Though he now enjoys the distinction of becoming the ninth president in UNI history, the beginnings of his love for academics are still apparent when he recalls being in a two-way race for high school valedictorian.

As a high school junior, Ben's aptitude for journalism earned him the editorship of the Franklin Central High School (Indianapolis) newspaper. Like any self-respecting provocateur he penned editorials that were "somewhat critical" of the superintendent. His opinions got him fired. ("I thought I was right, and I still do," he says.) Showing entrepreneurial spirit he and two friends started an independent paper—The Franklin Township *Herald*—that today remains a community newspaper.

A pretty good varsity basketball player in high school, Ben was scouted as 'too slow' for the big-time. When he headed for college, he said, "I knew my competitive advantage would be academics."

The economic realities of his youth inspired him to study business economics as an undergraduate. After graduation he briefly considered a job in banking. "I knew deep down I really liked being an academic and I liked research," he said. "So I kept going to college and got some good advice from faculty who urged me to consider a Ph.D."

A low Selective Service lottery number during the Vietnam War years delayed that pursuit. Drafted into the U.S. Army, the economics student became a military policeman and confinement specialist stationed in the States. The first economics class he ever

taught was to prisoners in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

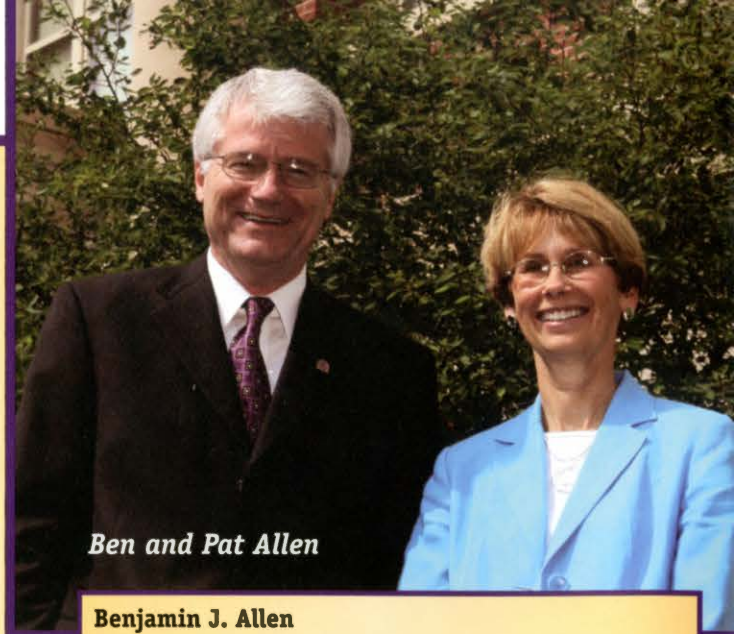
President Allen credits his mother, 90, with being a major role model in his life due to her work ethic and love of reading. He also took time to write a letter of thanks to a boyhood teacher/coach who nurtured his self-confidence and his willingness to take the right kind of risks. He is particularly appreciative of his Ph.D. adviser: "He said at higher levels of competition I would find a lot of people who were at least as smart as I am, so I should get used to it. He was successful, but humble. He told me, 'do this for the love of the work, not the recognition.'

"I could name many role models, but working under Martin Jischke and Greg Geoffroy (former and current Iowa State University presidents, respectively) really prepared me for this job."

Many of President Allen's leadership challenges presently will have economic elements at their core. He is enthusiastic about helping UNI flourish as a comprehensive university. "The people who work here are passionate about it, and they know what this university is about," he said. "I like the student focus at UNI. It's the right focus, and that really helps in allocating resources."

On the job since June 5, the president already has a daunting schedule, but the Allens are making time to explore their new surroundings. "We love this community," he said. "It has a richness and diversity that you don't find everywhere. We just enjoy driving around." Avid walkers and bicycle enthusiasts, the Allens are sure to be seen on Cedar Valley's trail system.

Pat and Ben Allen met in high school, married in college and recently



Ben and Pat Allen

Benjamin J. Allen

Hometown: Indianapolis, Ind.

Education: B.S., business economics, Indiana University

M.A., economics, The University of Illinois

Ph. D., economics, The University of Illinois

Family: wife, Pat; daughter, Jessica

Recent Professional: Iowa State University—V.P. for Academic Affairs and Provost (2002-2006); Interim V.P. for External Affairs (2001-2002); Dean, College of Business (1994-2000).

celebrated their 39th anniversary. They have one child, Jessica, who has an engineering degree from Northwestern University. Jessica and her husband Gregory (also an engineer) have a daughter, Avery (2). Pat, a former marathon runner, holds an undergraduate degree in sociology from the University of Illinois, a master's in English from Iowa State, and an RN degree through Des Moines Area Community College. She worked as a nurse for many years and taught English in community college. Her record of community service and support is extensive. Most recently she served on the United Way Board of Directors and is active with the League of Women Voters and Hospice. She served on the Story County Hospital Board for six years.

Benjamin J. Allen's official installation as president of UNI will take place Friday, September 29, 2006.

Welcome, President and Mrs. Allen, to the University of Northern Iowa!

More from our conversation with UNI President Benjamin Allen may be found at www.unialum.org/unitoday

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—Denton Ketels

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A conversation with John Meyer

John Meyer (accounting '73) was the featured speaker at "An Industry Insider's View of the WorldCom Crisis," a Wilson Series in Business Ethics event held this spring in the Curris Business Building. Prior to his presentation, we sat down with him for an in-depth conversation, the entire text of which can be found at www.unialum.org/unitoday.

See **OnlineExtra**, find more UNI Today coverage on the Web!

The legacy of purple Impact on Iowa Life

Wendell Crosser's dad always told him to respect everyone and "be forever thankful for anyone who helped me."

To Crosser, "anyone" is named Dr. Darrel Davis. Until this spring Crosser hadn't seen his accounting professor in 25 years, yet Davis' influence was always evident.

"There have been maybe three people in my life who have affected me. You go down a lot of roads and there are mentors along the way. Dr. Davis was one of those people," said Crosser. "I've never met anybody who spent his time helping other people with really no focus on himself. I

Gala, where Crosser announced the establishment of the Darrel Davis Scholarship Endowment.

With a goal of \$300,000, Crosser made the initial \$15,000 contribution and Allied Insurance contributed \$30,000.

"I encourage people to contribute in honor of Dr. Davis and take a minute to reflect on his contribution and how many people he's helped. I wanted to do something to honor him and help those people who need a little help," said Crosser.

and CFO for Allied Life. After Nationwide Insurance bought Allied Insurance, he was CFO for Nationwide's agribusiness and has been CFO at Allied since 2002.

Allied's headquarters are in Des Moines, with regional offices in Lincoln, Neb., Denver and Sacramento. Of the 5,500 employees, 3,200 are employed in Des Moines, with 1,600 to be hired in the next seven years.

"We're going to add 1,600 and that's a big deal for the state of Iowa. We're going to build a \$140 million series of

Being forever thankful

facilities," he said. "We love to hire Iowa people because of the work ethic. We have a very good school system so we try to connect with the local universities."

While Crosser said advanced degrees are important to career success, (he obtained his MBA from Drake University) there are other things just

as crucial, such as paying attention to the 'softer' skills: communication, management and problem solving. He also emphasizes the importance of having fun.

"Having fun means enjoy what you're doing.

You see people in jobs who aren't happy doing what they're doing. Life is too short; find something you're going to enjoy because if you enjoy it, it's more likely you're going to excel at it and you won't dread going to work everyday."

—CJ Hines



Wendell Crosser

1981, B.A., accounting
CFO, Allied Insurance, Des Moines
Hometown: Iowa Falls
Family: Two sons, Bryan, an
accounting major at UNI and Russ,
at home

remember sitting in his class, thinking, 'I don't know what college professors make but this guy could make a whole lot more money doing something different.' I was very thankful he was here. The guy is brilliant."

Davis began teaching at UNI in 1969 and retired in 2005 as associate professor of accounting. "He helped UNI consistently rank among the top 10 colleges and universities in the nation for first-time candidate performance in the Uniform CPA exam," said Crosser, who serves on the CBA Accounting Advisory Board.

Crosser and Davis recently reunited at the College of Business Administration

"My family wasn't poor enough for financial assistance but we didn't have enough money to pay for college. I knew I wanted to go to UNI but couldn't afford it. It was \$2,500 for room, board and books and the most I could borrow from the bank was \$2,500. I went to junior college because it was cheap and went to UNI and maxed out my loans. I wonder if it were the exact pattern today, would I have ended up in the same place? If there's something we can do to help people get some money, that's what this endowment is about."

Crosser began at Allied in 1987 as an accounting manager, then assistant vice president for Allied P & C Company,

To contribute to the Dr. Darrel Davis Accounting Scholarship Endowment, contact Carrie Rankin, College of Business Administration director of development, UNI Foundation, 800-789-9522.

Scholarships will be given to students majoring in accounting who display financial need, involvement in the humanities and fine arts and academic accomplishment.

Mark Oman's career with Wells Fargo has been on a steep ascent since he joined the company in 1979. In just 10 years he became president and CEO of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, which he helped shape into one of the largest mortgage lenders in the nation. By 1997, he was group executive vice president of Wells Fargo & Co. Today, Oman is senior executive vice president, overseeing the Wells Fargo Home and Consumer Finance Group, which is composed of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Wells Fargo Financial and Wells Fargo Consumer Credit Group.

Given that remarkable rise, it's tempting to ask where in the professional stratosphere he ultimately wants to go.

"I don't tend to set career goals that way," Oman said. "I'm fortunate to have been with great organizations that have prospered, so you can say I chose well or was lucky. But one of the keys to growth is surrounding oneself with a strong team of people. I measure success by how well the team is doing. If our employees are happy and enjoy what they're doing in helping our customers succeed, then we're going to be successful and our shareholders will be rewarded. I'd rather pay attention to that and let the career take care of itself."

It's a philosophy that's clearly effective. Positioned as the second-largest employer in central Iowa, Wells Fargo is in the midst of a \$360 million construction expansion in the Des Moines area. Its goal of adding 2,000 jobs has been met a year and a half early, bringing the area total to 10,000 employees.

No wonder Oman is out front on the issue of workforce readiness, a major focal point of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, of which he is chairman for 2006.

"With the aging of our population, our workforce is not projected to grow enough to keep up with what business in the state will require," Oman said. "Attracting and retaining a high quality workforce is a serious, multifaceted issue. It really comes down to lifelong education

and training, from early childhood development to universities and beyond. People can never stop learning because the environment of the economy and its technologies keep changing. It's important our workforce keeps its edge."

Closely tied to workforce concerns is a commitment to living in Iowa, Oman said. "Our quality of life is good here, but we have to keep improving. We're in a worldwide competition, and we have to emphasize the quality of life aspects of living in Iowa. That's something the

successful no matter what they do."

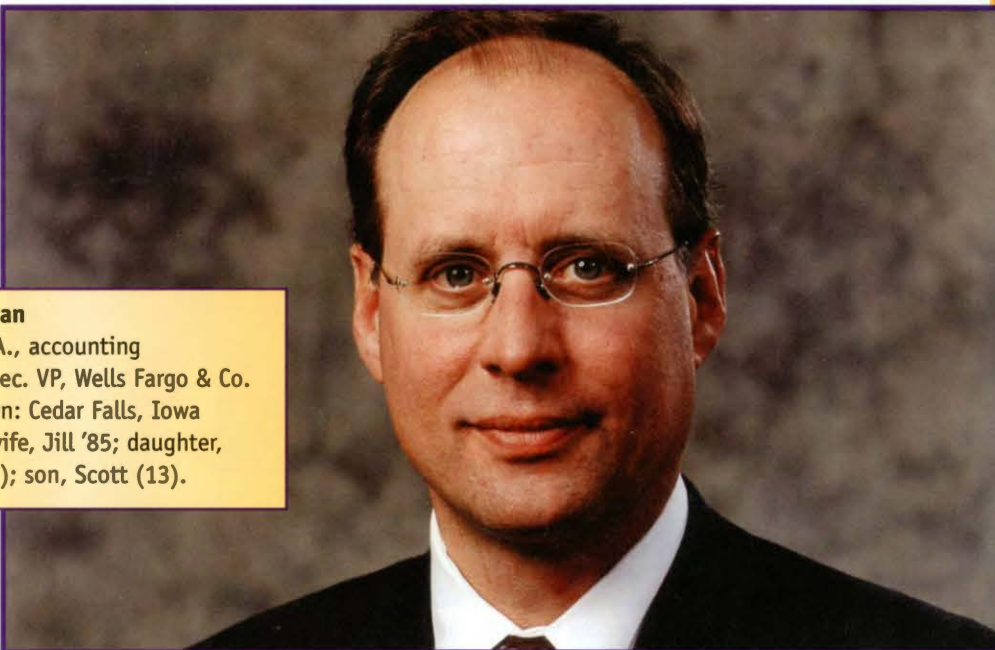
Surprisingly, Oman's success in business was not part of a master plan the Cedar Falls High grad carried across town to the UNI campus. "Frankly, I had no idea what I was going to major in when I came to UNI. Business was not really on my radar screen. I'd historically done well in math and science," Oman said. "I had a number of very good professors, not just technically, but with those same qualities of being focused on the customer, in this case the student. It was through a mentoring relationship with various professors I found what I really wanted to do."

As busy as he is, Oman credits

Customer-focused

Mark Oman

1976, B.A., accounting
Senior Exec. VP, Wells Fargo & Co.
Hometown: Cedar Falls, Iowa
Family: wife, Jill '85; daughter, Lexie (15); son, Scott (13).



Greater Des Moines Partnership is focused on, and it needs to be talked about more broadly. As an importer of talent to Iowa, we have to be aware that people have choices."

Oman advised that students competing for high quality jobs concentrate on fundamentals: a combination of the appropriate skills, a strong and collaborative work ethic, common sense and motivation.

"The character of Iowans fit that profile very well," Oman said. "Not only are they highly skilled, they have a customer focus. If someone comes equipped with those traits, likes to learn, questions how things are done and truly learns the industry, they're going to be

his wife, Jill, with helping him keep perspective. "I try to maintain a good balance among faith and family and work. We have two teenage children so our life revolves around what they're doing," he said, with a laugh, "...We're no longer in control of our calendar.

"We take our vacations, and I try to make sure all our employees do. I think having a work-life balance is incredibly important. I'm not saying I'm the role model there; it's difficult. But it's another reason why Iowa is a great place to live and work—the commutes are short and there's not a lot of downtime in between."



—Denton Ketels

The legacy of purple Impact on Iowa Life

Mary Ann Quint began teaching when FDR was president. Eleven presidents and a 50-year teaching career later, Quint decided it's time to retire.

Quint, who retired in June from teaching English at East Buchanan Middle School in Winthrop, began her career in 1944 at an Amish elementary school near Hazleton.

teaching in an Amish settlement, everything has changed. Society has changed. I have to keep up with what is going on today," said Quint, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday. "I believe in lots of discipline. If you work with kids, they're OK. You do have to be strict and keep them busy, and I don't mean busy work, but things that improve their level of learning."

A lifetime of teaching

the children, I wouldn't be here. I love them."

Students have changed a lot since she first began teaching, but Quint continued to teach English the "old-fashioned" way: assigning weekly papers and homework assignments as well as a daily practice of spelling, vocabulary and grammar.

Quint also has "many pithy statements," said daughter Mona, that Quint's students have no doubt heard. "They are things that have carried me through life and especially my career, such as 'everything you do is worth doing well,' 'plan your work and work your plan,' always do your best,' 'don't be lazy' and 'push yourself.'"

East Buchanan High School Principal Tom Mossman said Quint's enthusiasm and love for teaching have made her a

"I grew up hearing that UNI (at that time SCI) was the best place to receive teacher training. Because Mom's teaching touched so many lives I also wanted to be a teacher."

—daughter Mona Ball

These seventh- and eighth-graders are in one of the last classes that Mary Ann Quint taught at East Buchanan Middle School.

"I first started with the fourth-quarter rural program at Iowa State Teachers College that entitled me to teach in a rural school. Then in 1946 I got a two-year teaching certificate. It took me another 20 years to get a B.A.," said Quint, who taught seventh- and eighth-grade English. "My first two years (at ISTC) were completely methods courses and I learned how to do what I was supposed to do. I got into the nitty-gritty. I enjoy college classes and I learned for myself. (ISTC) broadened my whole scope of education."

In 1946 she began teaching at East Buchanan, then called Winthrop Consolidated School. "Since I started

She is one of a handful of teachers in the state who have taught for 50 years.

"I wanted to make it to 50 years. The 50-year mark was my goal; my children thought I'd done enough. I promised my children that if things got to be too much, then I will quit," she said. "I want to enjoy life while I have my health."

Quint took a 12-year teaching break to stay at home with her three children during their preschool years. Her only other break came in late 2004 when she had open-heart surgery and spent several months recovering at her daughter's home in Ames. Returning to East Buchanan last fall, she scaled back her schedule to four classes and a study hall. "If it weren't for

Mary Ann Quint

One-year teaching certificate 1944;
two-year teaching certificate 1946
B.A., early childhood education, 1966
Retired English teacher
Hometown: Winthrop
Now living in Ames
Family: son David of England;
daughter Mona Ball of Iowa City;
daughter Angela Nespor of Ames, six grandchildren

remarkable teacher. "Mary Ann really liked doing what she was doing, loved being in the classroom, she loved the kids and loved working with the kids. She was very active in planning their parties and she was the student council adviser for the middle school, which is great, at the age of 80," he said. "She remains young at heart."

Quint passed on her passion to her daughters, who both received education degrees from UNI. Mona Ball has a bachelor of arts in elementary education/preschool and a master's degree in special education and teaches in the Iowa City school district.

"I grew up hearing that UNI (at that time SCI) was *the best* place to receive teacher training. Because Mom's teaching touched so many lives I also wanted to be a teacher," Ball said.

Angela Nespor, who has a bachelor of music education, said going to UNI was an easy decision. "UNI was the school for us. Growing up I remember Mom was gone a lot in the summer pursuing her degree. My sister, who is nine years older than me, went to UNI and became a teacher and that's where she met her husband. So I heard about UNI for a long time. I had always been told growing up I would make such a good teacher that I didn't have anything else in my head."

Others who have felt her impact include fellow teachers, such as Jan Short, who taught English alongside Quint for 30 years.

"It has been a joy and inspiration for me to have worked with Mary Ann. It's amazing to see an individual who has known so many, remember their names, their families and special moments. The students are not the only ones who have learned and grown from this wonderful little lady." 🍌

—CJ Hines

To teach is to touch a life forever. Mary Beth Kourey '56, knows a bit about touching lives. The third of five generations of UNI-trained educators, she has been in the classroom for 49 years.

Kourey, a Janesville native, received her two-year teaching certificate from Iowa State Teachers College, thanks in part to her brother. "I had a brother in

English." Despite the diverse learning levels, Kourey's photo albums show groups of children smiling proudly as they pose for the local newspaper, displaying their class projects.

Having just celebrated the 50th anniversary of her UNI graduation, Kourey is still teaching. She lives in Ankeny and is a teacher associate in the high school and two middle schools. "I work in the

To touch a life forever

Salt Lake City in the Air Force. He sent me \$75 a month. That paid for books and housing. I had a tuition-free scholarship. I paid \$11 a quarter and the school paid the balance." She would later earn her B.A. from Drake University in 1972.

This UNI tale begins with Kourey's grandfather Ray Smalling, Iowa Normal School, Class of 1895. Her mother, Isabel Smalling Johnson, graduated in the early 1920s from ISTC. Next came Kourey.

Following graduation from ISTC with her two-year teaching certificate, she set out to secure her first teaching job. She recalled teaching during a time before maternity leave gave her limited options. She would begin a teaching job, but once she became pregnant, she was asked to step aside. "In the '50s, your job was never safe. I had four kids in the '50s, but I'd always go back in the next year. I never had trouble getting a job."

During her career, Kourey taught in 11 school systems, including a 25-year stay in Fort Dodge, a post that presented some challenging situations. "I had 27 children on seven reading levels ... and one Laotian boy who didn't know



Mary Beth Kourey and Betty Koschmeder (r) originally met on the basketball court. Kourey played for Janesville and Koschmeder suited up for Tripoli. When they arrived at ISTC they became roommates and later, life-long friends. The two reunited in May to celebrate their Golden Reunion.

library, the computer room and in all the special ed rooms, including severe and profound children." She also keeps busy with family events, square dancing and baking for her guests.

As for her family's legacy of UNI-trained teachers, it is up to generation No. 5 now. Kourey's son, Neal Thompson, attended UNI in the late '70s, and her granddaughter, Melanie Thompson, received her B.A. in history in May.

With her granddaughter about to begin her own teaching career, is Kourey ready to retire? "This is Year 49 and I'm gonna' be teaching next year too." 🍌

—Nick Linde & Jennifer Noehl



By CJ Hines

For 15 years, Rich Christensen pitched TV shows to television networks. In one year, he heard the word 'no' 70 times.

"I told them, 'you better take a chance on me.' One network gave me a chance, and look where I am. I have the No. 1 show," the New Hampton native said.

That no.1-rated show is "PINKS®," which airs Wednesdays on the Speed Channel. Hot Rod magazine recently rated "PINKS" the hottest car show on TV. The show pits two contestants in a drag-racing style format in the best three-out-of-five races. The stakes? The title to the other contestant's car—the pink slip.

Part of the show's excitement stems from the sometimes contentious negotiations to account for the cars' varying horsepower, such as giving one car several car-lengths head start.

The show's slogan is "Lose The Race. Lose Your Ride." While you may think no one is crazy enough to risk losing a car, interest to get on the show has been tremendous. Initially, Christensen put up a \$50 Web site and got 11,000 responses, including people who built cars specifically to race on the show. The first season, part of which was filmed at the Cedar Falls Raceway, attracted 600,000 viewers per show, with an estimated 1 million viewers for the second season, which ended May 31.

How did someone who admits he can "barely open the hood of a car" create such a success?

"After graduating from UNI, I went to New York and interned at the soap, 'Another World.' I worked there for a while, came back to Iowa, took \$400 and went to LA. I built a gym and was a trainer, but I kept trying to break into TV," said the 1986 graduate, who works out seven days a week. "I just believed—I just knew that I could make it. I had people laugh and say, 'You're never going to sell a TV show.' But my agent and my wife and buddies all said, 'It's just a matter of time.' The whole



Photos courtesy of Rich Christensen and the Speed Channel

time I had tunnel vision that someone is going to buy my shows. This network gave me a shot—\$5,000 and three cameras. The format was so compelling and my vision was so clear. I just knew."

As the show's host and executive producer, Christensen could live anywhere he wanted. He and his wife, Gayle, moved from Los Angeles to New Hampton "the second" he signed the contract.

"I choose to live anywhere in the world and I chose New Hampton. It is the most amazing town. I'm a very private person; in my home I'm cocoon man. I run into people and it's 'Hey, how's the weather, can you believe that wind last night?' They've all seen the show but they respect my space. They totally honor me but don't treat me any different. People are really fans of the show but you'd never know it. If I ask them about the show, they'll talk about it, but that just shows character. Iowa is the best state in the union," he said. "I'm also a huge Panther fan and supporter of the school. I told people in LA, 'If you want to go to a great school, go to Northern Iowa.' I had a really good experience there."

One of his college buddies, Gavin Jerome ('93), works with Christensen on the show. Jerome (UNI classmates may remember him as Gavin Boultinghouse) is the show announcer, track liaison and official.

"It's great having Gavin here. He's a 12 on a 10-point scale. He's the best," Christensen said. "We hadn't connected in eight or nine years and I got this show and found him and said, 'Hey, I've got this show—then we hung out and boom, it was like we were back in college, which is probably not a good thing."

When Jerome isn't filming "PINKS," he lives in Ankeny and operates his own business, The Morale Mechanic, which provides motivational seminars and tools for businesses.

"PINKS" doesn't take that much time away from my business," Jerome said. "We film a couple days a month and I always travel with my laptop to stay connected to the speaking world. So far, I have had no dates overlap and I hope that problem doesn't arise because I have the best job on television—a ring-side seat to the three-ring circus that is 'PINKS'."

Also on the show is Christensen's cousin, Kail, originally from Cresco, who is the finish-line judge.

Unlike other shows, there are no retakes. "I refused to do that when I came up with the concept. It's my show and I want to be honest with my audience. No retakes, no fake anything, 100 percent real," Christensen said. "It also works to my benefit that I don't know anything about cars, so I don't have any prejudice."

Filming for "PINKS" third season, which debuted July 12, is underway. Drag racing enthusiasts can catch the next taping July 23 and 24 at the Maryland International Raceway in Mechanicsville, Md. **OnlineExtra**

For more information about the show, go to www.pinks.tv. For information about Christensen or Jerome, go to www.richchristensen.com or www.moralemechanic.com 📺

By CJ Hines

"From scratch" is a term associated with baking a cake or building a hot rod. Most of us don't associate it with building supplemental forms of energy.

Two recent UNI graduates, Francis Praska and Ashref Alqassab, spent their last semester building a wind turbine, 'from scratch.' They also presented their project as part of the UNI Sustainability Series.

The project initially was to fulfill a requirement for Dr. Recayi Pecan's class, electrical and information engineering technology, but both had personal reasons for building the turbine.

"I wanted to find a supplement to my own house. My research showed a turbine, tower and all the additional components would cost between \$35,000 and \$50,000. That was not going to happen," Praska said. "I came across an article about a man from the UK who built a wind turbine with a brake drum. It was simple enough to understand and build, it met the budget I had to work with and seemed like a great way to get into wind power."

Praska intended to go solo until Alqassab asked to join him. "I hesitated at first until he explained why."

Alqassab, now of Waterloo, wanted to build a system that could work on his father's Saudi Arabian ranch to run the water pumps. "I wanted to show my appreciation to him for putting me

POWER FROM SCRATCH

through school."

With Alqassab's help, the project expanded beyond its initial purpose. "I saw an opportunity to go beyond the simple lights and water heater system into a whole new world of possibilities. It's a decision that has made this project 100 times better than it ever would have been without him," Praska said.

Together the two, both of whom earned their bachelor of science degree in electrical information and engineering technology, spent many hours in the classroom and on Praska's farm in Elma building and installing the wind turbine.

The project wasn't without problems. "It was mostly due to lack of experience, which cost us time, money and effort. But I was asked by one of the people who attended our presentation if knowing what I know now, would I build this turbine again? I said 'absolutely, without hesitation,'" Praska said.

Now that the turbine is installed and



Francis Praska and Ashref Alqassab teamed up to design and install a wind generator on Praska's farm that can power an average home for a month.

working, Praska and Alqassab have begun collecting data. "We've been testing how long it takes to recharge the battery, what kind of wind conditions are ideal, what kind of load will drain the battery and other things," Praska said.

Currently the turbine can generate about 1200kW of power, which is enough to run an average home for one month.

"We are trying to use all the power we are generating. Initially we concerned ourselves with getting the turbine built. I had only planned on heating water and running lights, both of which we can do right now. Ash proposed using the power for bigger projects. We are in the process of putting the power to other uses, charging other batteries like in a golf cart or setting up lights that run off DC power. Because our system is so small, we are storing the power in a deep-cycle forklift battery and then use the power for our experiments."

Pecan, coordinator of the Electrical and Engineering Information Technology Program, emphasizes the importance of such efforts. "We must continue to promote increased energy efficiency and conservation efforts, use clean and alternative-energy technologies such as wind, solar, hydro, biomass and continued development of hydrogen fuel-cell technology for future generations."

Anybody can build a turbine, Praska said, if you've got about \$2,000 and some basic mechanical skills. "People are craving knowledge about what can be done with wind power. Alternate energy is finally maturing." 🌞



A big moment: the turbine is raised.



UNI/PAC Initiative Delivers

Imagine you are a native of south Texas, perhaps with deep connections to your Hispanic heritage. You've proven yourself an outstanding student at community college. It'd be a 'dream come true' to advance to a quality four-year program, if only you had the resources.

Thanks to an innovative partnership between UNI and Palo Alto (Texas) Community College (PAC), students are getting that opportunity and succeeding beyond their expectations. The UNI/PAC Recruitment Initiative is a nationally recognized model for effectiveness and has expanded to include all four community colleges in the Alamo Community College District (ACCD).

The brainchild of UNI Director of Enrollment Management Services Roland Carrillo and Palo Alto Education Support Specialist Charley Garcia, the program is designed specifically to deliver 'underserved' students with academic credentials and financial need into an undergraduate program. Since 1998, UNI/PAC has enrolled 133 participants at UNI. Of those, 70 have graduated (an additional 13 will graduate by fall 2006) with 31 percent going on to graduate programs.

"The initiative brings together all of the essential participants—UNI and PAC staff members, students, parents and program alumni. Participants and their families have the benefit of the most informed and supportive learning environment imaginable," Carrillo said.

Visits to the UNI campus are a distinctive feature of the initiative. Each spring, students and family members are invited to see what transfer to UNI and life in Iowa would be like. Involvement with familiar cultural activities and other PAC students, Jump Start orientation, intensive advising and mentoring are all part the support package.

Lorena Knight learned about UNI through the Palo Alto Community College Transfer Center. She enrolled at UNI in fall 2002, earned her B.A. in English in 2004 and this spring completed her M.A. in English. She taught College Reading and Writing and worked for the literary journal, the North American Review, as well. Her husband, Matthew, was staff photographer in UNI's Office of University Marketing and Public Relations through May 2006. Their children are Macy (7) and Noah (9).

"It was my dream to go to a university out of state, but I was afraid of being so far away from home," Knight said. "To us it was the most important decision of our lives. On the spring visit to UNI, I brought Matthew with me and we fell in love with the community. We got connected with Hispanic-Latino students there and we visited the school our children would be attending. The support was phenomenal.

"As a minority woman, it is so important to be able obtain a higher education and to have other minority women see that academic achievement is a viable option."

John Solis was the first student recruited to UNI in 1998. He earned his B.A. in management and business administration in 2000, and his M.A. in communication and training technology in 2003. Solis has just completed a Ph.D. program in education at the University of Wyoming-Laramie.

"The UNI/PAC Initiative provided an educational opportunity that I never

thought I would have as a minority," Solis said. "After Mr. Carrillo and Mrs. (Juanita) Wright visited PAC, I realized that UNI's Initiative would provide an opportunity to explore a different culture and interact with students outside my hometown of San Antonio.

"The support systems at UNI were critical in adjusting to the new environment.

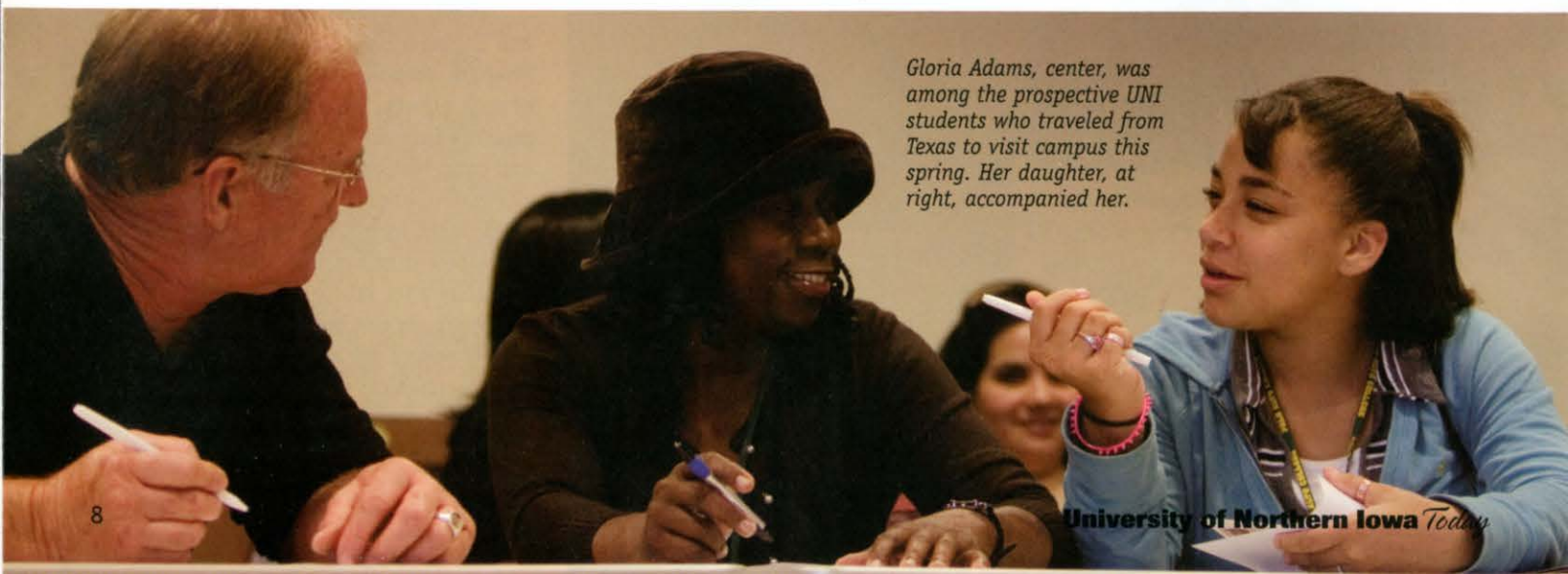
I knew conceptually how credit hours worked, but

the challenge was adjusting to the fast-paced flow of a four-year university. My experience at UNI taught me how to socialize with others, establish career goals and set an example for other minorities on the importance of quality education and provided the foundation for doctoral studies." 🍷

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—John Solis

Gloria Adams, center, was among the prospective UNI students who traveled from Texas to visit campus this spring. Her daughter, at right, accompanied her.



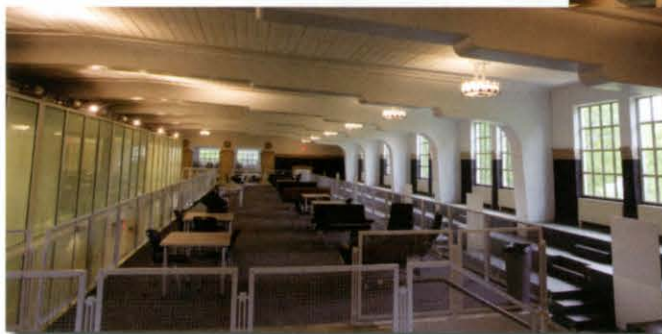
Built with the Future in Mind

Demonstrating the innate futurity that was spirited into its brick and mortar a century ago, the building formerly known as East Gymnasium is experiencing the most impressive reinvention of itself yet.

During its 101-year existence the East Gym has served campus with physical education facilities, a library, classrooms, dance floor and entertainment area, offices and barracks during wartime.

After extensive renovations that began in 2004, the structure reopened this summer as the Innovative Teaching and Technology Center (ITTC), providing a venue for technology workshops, one-on-one consultations, digital design and audio/video services, the Center for Academic Achievement, part of Academic Advising and Testing, the Computing Consulting Center, the Geography Department, as well as Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology labs, classrooms and offices.

Students returning to campus this fall will find a technologically advanced instructional facility with interiors completely renovated and classic architectural elements preserved. Among the most striking physical changes are the total redefinition of the pool space, a new west entrance and an elevator and stairwells that serve the former gymnasium's two levels. The utilitarian benefits are even more pleasing.



The Gymnasium was the sole physical education building on campus until another gymnasium was built to the west in 1925, housing men's classes and intercollegiate

athletics. The new building was designated the Men's Gymnasium and The Gymnasium became the Women's Gymnasium.

In 1935, the Board of Education announced renovations for the Women's Gymnasium that included a swimming pool with seating for 500 added to the west side. The pool opened with a water carnival in 1938. New floors, stairwells and modern locker rooms were also added.

During World War II, the Women's Gymnasium was used for offices and classrooms for the WAVES stationed in Bartlett Hall.

By 1979, the Physical Education Center and the UNI-Dome were built to meet the needs of instruction, recreation and intercollegiate athletics. Both gymnasiums were then renamed East and West Gymnasium.

In the 1980s and 1990s, the pool was standardized to meet national criteria, the roof was stabilized, fire safety improvements were completed and the Health Beat opened.

In 1990, the building appeared on the Regents' five-year capital improvement plan and the current \$18.1 million project was approved in March 2002. 🏠

For more information about campus buildings, go to www.library.uni.edu/speccoll/unifacts.html#build

"Moving to the ITTC will allow my department to be located in the same building for the first time," said Marilyn Drury, director of ITS Educational Technology. "We will be able to work more closely and share our expertise more easily. We are centrally located, so faculty, staff and students will be able to access our facility and services quicker."

Credit for the original building goes to the "grand old man of Iowa education," former President Homer Seerley. During the 1890s, Seerley saw the need for a building for gymnasium, library and "recitation purposes" because of increasing enrollment and an expanding curriculum. To find the right facility that would serve both men and women, Seerley traveled around the country visiting more than 25 educational institutions and several YMCAs.

In 1902, the school's Board of Directors approved the project. In 1905, the building, simply called The Gymnasium, was dedicated. It provided women's facilities on the south end, men's facilities on the north, and included a swimming pool, offices, a large open gymnasium, exercise rooms, classrooms and a running track.

Track And Field: The Panther men's team came away from the 2006 Indoor Track and Field Championships with an 18th-place finish, crowned four all-Americans and broke two school records.

Head coach Chris Bucknam was named Missouri Valley Conference Men's Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year and USA Track and Field Midwest Coach of the Year after the Panthers posted their seventh consecutive indoor MVC title. Sophomore Raven Cepeda was named Most Outstanding Field Athlete at both the Indoor and Outdoor Valley Championships, while junior Cody Eichmeier was named Most Outstanding Male Track Athlete at the MVC indoor meet. Cepeda scored a personal-best 7,371 points in the decathlon at the outdoor conference meet, qualifying for nationals with the 11th-best performance in the nation.

On the women's side, sophomore Rachel Jansen set school records in the shot put, hammer throw and discus, qualifying for both the Indoor and Outdoor National Championships in the shot put.

Men's Basketball: UNI posted another trip to the NCAA tournament, finishing 23-10, 11-7 in the Missouri Valley Conference. The Panthers graduated seniors Ben Jacobson, John Little and Erik Crawford. The threesome helped the team to three consecutive appearances in the Big Dance.

UNI broke into the top-25 rankings for the first time in history and tied a



Head Men's Basketball Coach Ben Jacobson

school record with 23 victories. Jacobson was named first team all-conference, along with junior forward Grant Stout. Stout led the conference in rebounds (8.9 pg) and recorded 13 double-doubles on the season.

Five-year assistant coach Ben Jacobson was named head men's basketball coach March 22, replacing Greg McDermott, who was named head coach at Iowa State University. Jacobson became the 21st head men's basketball coach in UNI history dating back to 1900. Rich Glas, former 18-year head coach at the University of North Dakota, was named UNI's associate head coach and Kyle Green returned as an assistant coach after two years as the head coach at Lewis University.



Women's Basketball:

The Panthers (19-11, 12-6 in the MVC) finished third in the MVC standings, outdoing their preseason fifth-place pick. UNI now has finished in the top half of the Valley standings seven of the past eight seasons. It also competed

in the postseason for the third time in the last six years, playing at Kansas in the preliminary round of the WNIT.

UNI graduated four players, including the team's leading scorer for the past two seasons, center Cassie Hager. Hager was named 2006 MVC Defensive Player of the Year and set the MVC record for blocks in a game (9), season (135) and career (337).

Wrestling: Eight intercollegiate institutions, including UNI, announced the formation of the Western Wrestling Conference (WWC). The NCAA Division I wrestling-only alliance will begin competition in the 2006-07 season. Charter members of the Western Wrestling Conference will include: the United States Air Force Academy, Fresno State University, North Dakota State University, the University of Northern Colorado, the University of Northern Iowa, South Dakota State University, Utah Valley State College and the University of Wyoming.

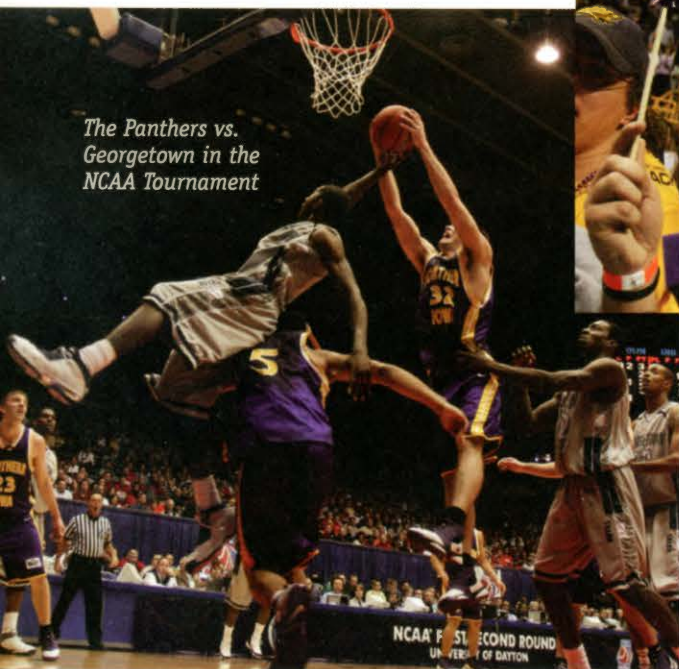
Baseball: UNI finished 28-27, 10-14 in the MVC and placed five Panthers on all-conference. Freshman shortstop Brandon Douglas became the first Panther freshman to earn first team all-conference honors since UNI's move into Division I. UNI remained undefeated, 3-0, in the annual Corridor Classic against the Iowa Hawkeyes and claimed series wins over Southern Illinois and Creighton.

Women's Tennis: Junior Meredith Esbeck was named all-MVC at the No. 6 singles position with a 20-6 overall singles record, including an 11-1 performance at No. 6. Sophomore Meghana Paritala was one of six players named to the MVC Singles All-Select team. She posted a 22-8

singles record this year (14-5 in dual meets), playing at the No. 1 position for the Panthers all season.

For complete coverage and all the latest facts and figures visit www.unipanthers.com.

The Panthers vs. Georgetown in the NCAA Tournament



Panther Call Center – Making Connections

A jumble of 25 voices fills the Panther Call Center. While it may sound muddled to the casual observer, each voice is focused on one person, a special person, a UNI graduate, parent or friend.

The voices belong to a dedicated, enthusiastic group of UNI students who help secure gifts for the Annual Fund in the fall and the Dean's Funds for Excellence in the spring. Funds support student programs, student activities, athletics, student services, programming and scholarships. Private funding is vital to the success of current and future students. The connection between students and alumni is priceless.

"It is a great benefit to students," said Vicki Collum, director of annual giving. "Students receive valued advice for their careers and alumni stay connected to what's happening on campus."

Callers are well-versed on university issues as well as the mechanics of calling. Tracy Brown, program manager and UNI graduate student, trains students through role playing and active listening. Brown said, "I pair new callers with seasoned callers to listen and observe. Within two days, students are ready to ask alumni for support and to thank them for the great



Mike Kasperbauer, a junior from Carroll, is one of the many dedicated students of the Panther Call Center.

opportunities and experiences students receive because of their generosity."

"Working at the Call Center helped me develop communications skills, which will help when I begin my teaching career," said UNI elementary education major Jenny Bates. "It's exciting to speak with alumni and I'm giving back to my university by raising funds for scholarships and other programs on campus."

Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust Funds Projects

The University of Northern Iowa has received four grants from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust. Support from the Carver Trust will help UNI students in fields ranging from special education to nanoscience: \$52,000 to create a Polymer Research and Materials Innovation Service Laboratory to support the work of UNI's Recycling and Reuse Technology Transfer Center as well as student research; \$200,000 to support building a studio teaching laboratory within a planned Center for Education in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology in Lang Hall; \$51,290 to expand the two-year-old Teaching of the Visually Impaired program; and \$128,893 startup funds for the Professional Science Master's degree in ecosystem management.

UNI Athletic Club Renamed Panther Scholarship Club

The UNI Athletic Club has changed its name to the Panther Scholarship Club to better reflect its mission, which is to raise money to assist the athletic department in providing scholarship support for student athletes.

For more information, visit

www.unipanthers.com/psc.



Community-University Partnership Basis of Koob Endowment Fund

To honor retired University of Northern Iowa President Robert Koob's dedication to building relationships between UNI and the community, an endowment fund is being created through the UNI Foundation. The Robert and Yvonne Koob Fund for Student Community Engagement will support student internships that may be served with non-profit organizations, city, county or state agencies or with one of UNI's outreach programs.

In his 11-year presidency at UNI, Koob emphasized the collaborative relationship between the university's responsibility to serve its home community and the ability of the community to provide students and faculty rich resources for learning.

"We are seeking funds that will permanently support community

engagement experiences," said Bill Calhoun, vice president for university advancement.

The endowment goal is to support several internships with stipends ranging from \$2,000 to \$6,000, which will require a fund of \$300,000. In support of the fund, The R.J. McElroy Trust has offered a challenge grant for which every \$4 in community contributions will be matched with \$1 from the trust.

Koob served on numerous local organization boards during his tenure at UNI, including the Greater Cedar Valley Alliance and the Waterloo Development Corporation. He also was one of the founders of Cedar Valley's Promise. For more information, visit www.uni-foundation.org, or call 319-273-6078.

New University Vision Fund

The future of the university will be shaped by the commitment of today's visionaries—alumni and friends who enable it to thrive and excel in the future. These special people can make unrestricted bequests or outright unrestricted gifts of more than \$10,000 to the University Vision Fund.

The Fund, a flexible interest-earning account that will grow over time, can be used to support a variety of purposes, including scholarships, program enhancements, faculty and facilities. Trustees of the UNI Foundation, in consultation with the university's president and vice presidents, may periodically allocate money in the Fund to the areas of greatest university need or opportunity. This kind of endowment has become the hallmark of a great university and a vital resource guaranteeing its future excellence. To learn more about the University Vision Fund, visit www.uni-foundation.org.

Groundbreaking for the new Human Performance Center took place July 21. Watch your e-mail for updates on this project.



Family Weekend

Sept. 15, 16 & 17, 2006

Tour

the McLeod Center,
President's House,
the GBPAC
and the new ITTC!

Plan to attend!

See details at

www.uni.edu/familyweekend



UNI receives national award for 2+2

Rina McCool's lifelong desire to become a teacher became a reality through UNI's 2+2 program at the DMACC-Carroll campus. Representing 2+2 graduates, she presented President Robert Koob with the Best Practice Award for Collaboration with Community Colleges from the American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education. **OnlineExtra**



UNI seniors took on an exciting project this year—raising funds for a full-size panther statue cast in bronze, to be located in UNI's Memorial Garden (located east of Maucker Union.) Completion is expected this fall. This is the first panther statue on campus, which will be surrounded by a fountain and dedicated to President Robert D. Koob.



UNI Relay for Life Chapter President Grant Erwin celebrates with committee volunteers and hundreds of participants during this spring's event in the UNI-Dome that raised more than \$100,000 for cancer research and support services.

The UNI Campanile

I'm 80 Years Old, Celebrate with Me!

Oh, the joyous moments I've witnessed over the past 80 years! I don't know if it is the sweet sound of my 47 finely-tuned bells, my 101 ft.-tall stately brickwork or my welcoming plaza that creates an aura of romance. But, I must admit I have started a few traditions. My favorite tradition takes place on the Friday before homecoming when couples exchange kisses at the stroke of midnight.

In the early years, I loved to sound the bells over a cold wintry campus as skaters glided across Prexy's Pond. During the summer, I would serenade sunbathers as they splashed away the summer heat.

However, not all my memories are fond memories. In July 1965, I was awakened in the night when flames from Old Central lit the night sky. And, I'll never forget that dark day of September 11, 2001. I chimed

with grief as students, faculty and staff gathered around my foundation to find strength and encouragement after this disastrous event.

Well, as you know, I'm celebrating my 80th birthday and, as often happens with aging, I'm beginning to show rust spots on my bellframe and other parts, bolts are missing from my structure and some springs need to be replaced. I could go on and on but I don't want you to feel sorry for me. I've lived a good life and believe with a little TLC I have many more chimes left in me. So, I hope you'll participate in a renovation program that will start this fall. Visit www.uni-foundation.org to learn more.

Please come to my birthday celebration on September 19. From 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Karel Keldermans, professional carillonneur, will play and we'll serve ice cream.



Faculty Members recognized for community engagement

This spring, Veridian Credit Union partnered with UNI to recognize a full-time tenure-track or tenured faculty member from each of UNI's five undergraduate colleges who combines his or her instructional and scholarly efforts with projects that benefit the greater community.

Each recipient received an award and a check for \$1,000 payable to a nonprofit organization with which he or she is engaged.

The 2006 Veridian Credit Union Community Engagement Award recipients are:

Leslie Wilson, associate dean and associate professor in the College of Business Administration, helped build a relationship between the Iowa



Department of Economic Development (IDED) and UNI's College of Business. It allowed the expansion of international experience and economic development opportunities in the state, while enriching the international aspect of UNI's business

curriculum. Wilson donated the monetary award to People's Health Clinic.

Michele Yehieli, associate professor of health, physical education & leisure services in the College of Education,



leads UNI's Global Health Corps and the Iowa EXPORT Center of Excellence in Health Disparities. She provides field experiences for students through outreach and research with public health agencies. Yehieli is chair of the Black Hawk County Board of Health and donated the monetary award to the Black Hawk County Health Department.

Gretta Berghammer, professor of theatre in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, gave area elementary and



junior-high students the opportunity to participate in theater-based instruction at UNI. She also matches university students with area youth in creative drama activities. She donated the monetary award to The Sturgis Youth Theatre.

Alan Czarnetzki, professor of earth science in the College of Natural Sciences, uses his meteorology expertise



to help groups in agriculture, industry and education. UNI's Science Center for Teaching, Outreach, and Research in Meteorology (STORM) coordinates education, research and service activities for superintendents and teachers. Czarnetzki donated the monetary award to the Cedar Falls Kiwanis Club.

Richard Allen Hays, professor and director of UNI's public policy program in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, has linked the Family & Children's Council of Black Hawk County



and the Community Outreach Partnership Center with UNI resources and students with the needs of disadvantaged neighborhoods in Waterloo. Hays donated the monetary award to Family & Children's Council of Black Hawk County.

Learning through live performance

K-12 school kids say the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center's Kaleidoscope Series is 'really cool.' It has become so popular that capacity for public, parochial and home-schoolers to attend the live performances is being increased by 8,000 for the '06-'07 season to 33,000 students. Last season the series attracted 26,575 students from 25 northeast Iowa counties.

The series combines the excitement of live theater, dance and music performance with learning opportunities connected to related curricula for the benefit of K-12 schools in the region. The upcoming 11-show series runs from October 2006 to April 2007 and includes *The True Story of Pochahontas*, *Charlotte's Web* and *Suessical - the Musical!*

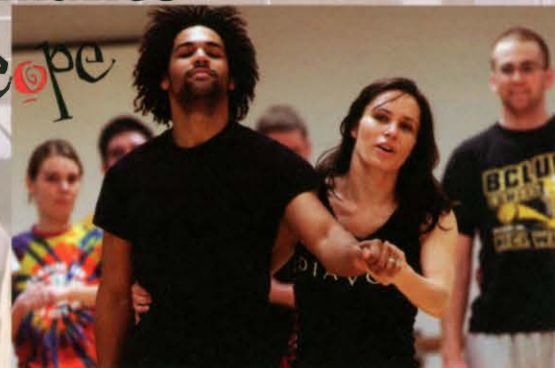
According to the GBPAC Director of Education and Special Programs Amy Hunzelman, the "A Buck-A-Kid!" affordability concept that has helped make Kaleidoscope so popular will



continue this season.

"It truly has been amazing to see the growth, need and demand of the Kaleidoscope Series for Youth. Each season the Gallagher-Bluedorn programs more shows, to accommodate more students, and yet there is still a waiting list. Many schools choose this program as their one-and-only field trip for the year. The staff at the Gallagher-Bluedorn is pleased to host all of the schools, teachers, and parents that partake in this program," Hunzelman said.

Ticket orders for Kaleidoscope events can be placed online at www.gbpac.com/ outreach. Information about the season's artists and performances is listed along



Members of the dance troupe Diavolo conducted a master class for UNI students while on campus to perform in the Kaleidoscope series this spring.

with everything from driving directions and lunch options to curriculum connections that enhance the educational component of the series.

Visit the Web site, or contact Hunzelman at 319-273-3679. The Kaleidoscope Series is made possible through support from Allen Hospital and The Friends of the Gallagher-Bluedorn.



'31 Bernice (Brand) Schaal, 2-yr., flew in her son's plane to their Minnesota lake home for her 95th birthday and then visited her daughter in Palm Springs. She lives in Jefferson.

'35 Elna Schmidt Petersen, 1-yr., published "Growing Up Danish." She lives in Andover, MN.

'42 Yvonne (McGrane) Barlow, BA, moved to St. Joseph, MI.

'47 C.E. (Wes) Westphal, BA, formed his own mortgage company in Omaha. He retired in 1987 and has traveled extensively. He is the field editor for Country Discoveries magazine.

'48 Pearl Evans, 2-yr., who now lives in Russell, taught school for more than 40 years in Lucas, Decatur, Wayne, Dallas and Adair counties.

Warren Allen Smith, BA, is the originator of Philosopedia, an Internet site for those interested in philosophy.

'49 Jane (Spillers) Simon, 2-yr., retired after 35 years of teaching, 30 of those years in Ames elementary schools.

'50 George R. and Mary Mach, BA, live in San Luis Obispo, CA.

'51 Lois Thies-Sprinthall, 2-yr., received a career achievement award by the Association of Moral Education. She is an emeritus faculty member from North Carolina State University and lives in Caswell Beach, NC.

'52 Jack Argotsinger, BA, retired, has operated the clock for high school football games for 40 years and for 20 years for basketball. He lives in Nevada.

'53 Gordon C. Henry, BA, received an honorary doctor of letters degree from Newberry (SC) College. He retired as the associate vice president for institutional research and assistant professor of communications. He is the college's archivist and is chairing the college's 150th anniversary committee.

Lois (Moll) Hensel, 2-yr., received a BA degree from the University of Florida and taught in the gifted program. She then worked in real estate with Coldwell Banker for 25 years. She lives in Gainesville, FL.

'55 Dale Black, BA, serves as interim superintendent at Rockwell City-Lytton and Southern Cal Schools.

Laurens Blankers, BA, who lives in Nashville, TN, was the carillonneur from 1953-55.

Sally (Carbaugh) Frudden, BA, MA '72, received an Alumni Achievement Award from Iowa State University's College of Human Sciences. She was recognized for her work in improving education and services for disabled children.

'57 Dorothy (Horn) Barten, BA, is a charter member of the Fort Dodge (IA) High School Alumni Association. She lives in Hempstead, NY. **Janet (Pattee) Chu**, BA, spent more than a month in China, and brought home a 16-month-old boy. She published "Inventory of Butterflies in Boulder County Parks and Open Spaces" and lives in Boulder, CO.

'58 Karalee (Champion) McWhorter, BA, retired from US Airways after 46 years as a flight attendant. She lives in Littleton, CO.

'59 Michael Boyd, BA, had a one-person exhibition of paintings at Artefact: Roher Pardo Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland. He lives in Ithaca, NY.

Keith McClellan, BA, presented a paper at the North American Society for Sport History conference. He lives in Oak Park, MI.

'62 Robert Koob, BA, retired as president of the University of Northern Iowa and returned to his home in California.

'63 David Walker Green, BA, retired after 35 years as a librarian and library director. **Darrel Hoff**, MA, is a field interviewer for an educational assessment project conducted by Westat Corp., Rockville, MD. He lives in Calmar.

'64 Sally (Bartels) Anderson, BA, retired after 37 years as a speech pathologist for the Polk County Schools, Winter Haven, FL. She is now the lead musician for an old-time band, "Mustang Sally and the Hamjos."

Muriel (Paulson) Weatherly, BA, MA '79, taught school for 23 years in Muscatine and 10 years in La Porte City before retiring.

'66 Rosemary (Erickson) Allen, BA, teaches music at Edna Ferber Elementary School, Appleton, WI.

Rita (Talbot) Finstein, BA, earned her doctorate of education in special education from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, where she works with the Burkhardt Center for Autism Education and Research.

Kenneth Pfile, BA, is retired. He and his wife, Wanda Smith, are building a home near Madison, WI.

'67 Jerry Smalley, BA, received a Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks award for his contributions to the Fisheries Division. He is a retired science teacher and a freelance outdoor writer.

Julee Granger, BA, recently published the children's book, "Edith Ellen Eddy."

'68 Sandra (Duneman) Busta, BA, retired from teaching fifth- and sixth-grades at Turkey Valley Schools for 34 years.

Maggie Grace, BA, MA '73, joined Iowa Realty as a sales associate in its Jordan Creek office, West Des Moines. She had been with Heartland AEA.

Carole (Cerka) O'Leary, BA, retired after 32 years teaching at Berkeley College, White Plains, NY. She is moving back to Iowa with her family.

'69 Rita (Praska) Forker, BA, teaches math and does campus ministry at Columbus Catholic High School, Waterloo.

Luwana (Petersen) Hansen, BA, retired from the Village School District, Stony Brook, Long Island, New York, after 34 years of teaching.

Dennis and Lin (Monson) Moeller, BA, both retired after 34 years of teaching in the Davenport schools.

Mike Schreurs, BA, is chairman and CEO of Strategic America, Des Moines, which was featured in the February/March 2006 issue of Iowa Commerce.

Nancy (Foster) Wagoner, BA, is a national board certified teacher. She teaches third grade at Briggs Elementary, Maquoketa.

'70 Jeanne Coppola, BA, taught kindergarten for 35 years in the Western Dubuque County Schools. She has retired.

Maureen (Murphy) Georgou, BA, is the Region 5 regional vice president for the National Association of Insurance Women. She is the claims specialist for St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance.

Nancy Powell, BA, was appointed intelligence officer for South Asia of the National Intelligence Council. She had been senior coordinator for avian and pandemic flu issues with the State Department.

Nancy (Warren) Stover, BA, retired after 40 years of elementary teaching. Her last 15 years were with the Wane Community Schools, Nappanee, IN.

Steven C. Thomas, BA, retired as group president for Europe for Newell Rubbermaid. He is an adjunct professor in the business department at Flagler College, St. Augustine, FL.

Gail Van Hooser, BA, loves retirement and is traveling and taking photos for her kids. She lives in Oskaloosa.

'71 Craig Hamilton, BA, has been a State Farm Insurance agent in Fort Dodge for 31 years.



Long-term Commitment

Henrietta (Henri) Muller Madsen, BA '40, at 92 is UNI's oldest, long-term donor. She is among several donors who have given consistently over the past 35 years. She said, "I support UNI because education is so important and because I enjoyed my time at UNI."

After completing UNI's 12-week teaching certificate program in 1937, Madsen earned \$85 a month during her first term teaching. She later earned a BA in teaching from UNI and an MA in teaching from the University of Denver.

Madsen taught at Cedar Falls High School for 39 years. She has been married to Edwin Madsen for 30 years. They reside at the Western Home in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Greg Olsen, BA, retired from teaching and coaching track in the Harrisburg (SD) School District.

'72 Ginny (Elwood) Bollman, BA, had spent 20 years as a principal and 12 years as a teacher in the Grand Forks Schools. Since retiring, she has traveled to 16 states, Japan and Tanzania, Africa.

Ardith (Gardner) Hoff, BA, MA '73, is supervisor on an educational assessment project conducted by Westat Corp., Rockville, MD.

'73 James Chizek, BA, was named market president for MidwestOne Bank, Waterloo. He had been senior vice president.

Bill Cox, BA, is the superintendent at Montezuma and Tri-County Schools.

Dennis Phelps, BA, is the high school principal at Tri-County Schools, Thornburg.

Alan Rabenold, BA, is retiring after 33 years of teaching, coaching and administration in the Preston and Montezuma schools.

Robert Richard, BA, is the executive director of Presbyterian Manor, Kansas City, KS. He had been with Tri-State Health's nursing center.

'74 Deborah (Wallace) Cavett, BA, MA, joined the U.S. Department of Education as the executive director of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities. She had been with USDA.

Xuchitl (Nodarse) Coso, BA, MA '80, was awarded a National Teaching Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. She is an assistant professor of Spanish at Georgia Perimeter College in



Hall of Fame Honors

Dave Koos '59, of Harlan has been inducted into the Iowa Association of Track Coaches and Iowa Association of Track Officials Hall of Fame. Koos taught and coached in various Iowa high schools and at Simpson College from 1959 to 1972. Since 1969 he has officiated high school and college track meets and football, basketball and baseball games. An official at the Drake Relays for 33 years, Koos was named to the Relays' "Wall of Honor" in 2004. He has served as chief umpire at the state high school track meet since 1999, officiating at the event for more than 30 years.

Dave and his wife, Kay, were inducted into the Harlan Athletic Booster Club this spring.

A graduate of Avoca High school, Koos earned his BA in mathematics from UNI and played four years of football for the Panthers. The Kooses live in Harlan and spend winters in Chandler, Ariz. They have been married 44 years, have two sons (Todd and Tom) and four grandchildren.



Lawrenceville, GA.

Kent Croskey, BA, is director of anesthesiology at Iowa Lutheran Hospital and owner of Radical Cycle, Des Moines.

Brian Ney, BA, is the superintendent of schools for the Howard-Winneshiek School District.

Steve Shirk, BA, was honored with the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award from the Iowa Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. He was the wrestling coach at Wilton Schools. He now works for Duffe Grain.

'76 Paul Ladd, BA, was named director of Boone County Veterans Affairs. He is a retired Marine Corps officer.

Del Miller, MA, was named assistant football coach at San Diego State University. He is the offensive coordinator/quarterback coach.

'77 Deloris Brooks Haar, BA, retired after 34 years in teaching.

Maureen (Pray) Burum, BA, has been promoted to director of finance at ME&V, an advertising and fundraising consultancy in Cedar Falls. She joined ME&V in 1999 as part of its accounting staff.

Lynn Johnson, BA, is an administrative facilitator

at the Cedar Rapids Community School District.

Tim Johnson, MA, is the Midwest region director for the development of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and he does the color commentary for IPTV wrestling broadcasts.

Marilee (Blume) Reiher, BA, 2-yr. '48, had been a kindergarten and first-grade teacher before retiring. She lives in Allison.

John Schreurs, BA, is vice president, COO and principal of Strategic America, Des Moines, which was featured in the February/March 2006 issue of Iowa Commerce.

'78 Karen (Barton) Litt, BA, is a quality control analyst at Ingenix, Lenexa, KS. She is CSQA- and CSTE-certified.

Ross Opsal, BA, MA '85, will be the superintendent at Algona Community Schools; he previously held a similar job at Sac Community Schools.

Joyce (Jameson) Spande, MM, retired after teaching K-6 music in the Cedar Falls Schools for 26 years. She has received many awards and honors.

'79 Terry Allen, BA, was named new head football coach at Missouri State, Springfield, MO. He had been special teams coordinator and tight ends coach at Iowa State.

Stephen Volk, BA, published "The Berlin Triangle," a historical literary fiction novel.

Diann Wilson, MA, is the training and development manager for the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. She co-authored the book, "The Other Blended Learning: A Classroom-Centered Approach."

'80 Camille (Diantonia) King, MA, has been a special education teacher in Illinois and plans to retire soon.

Diane (Chapman) Lloyd, BA, was named to the 2005 Who's Who Among America's Teachers and Empire's Who's Who. She lives in Hobbs, NM.

Todd Reiher, BA, is a faculty member at Wartburg College.

Dwight Williams, BA, was elected as a church planting field consultant for southeast Florida for the Baptist Church. He had been with the church's International Mission Board and was serving in Spain.

'81 Penny (Hardt) Lee, BA, won the NBC "Weekend Today Show's 'Gimme A Break'" Contest. She is a fifth-grade teacher at Shirland (IL) School.

Tim Mullan, BA, joined Pioneer Hi-Bred International as a client services supervisor. He had been with Kinkos.

Lois (Blosser) O'Rourke, BA, MBA '88, joined the board of trustees for the Board of Pensions of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. She is a principal at QuadCapital Advisors, Madison, WI. **Rose Quirk, BA, MSW '05**, was honored as a St. Edward distinguished alumna. She is a social worker at Covenant Hospital's high-risk prenatal center, Waterloo and St. Patrick Catholic School, Cedar Falls.

Mark Shaw, BA, was promoted to vice president and general manager of American Athletic Inc., Jefferson.

Wanda Smith, BA, retired from teaching in Michigan. She and her husband, Kenneth Pfile, are building a home near Madison, WI.

Allen Sorensen, BA, was appointed corporate underwriting manager at United Fire Group, Cedar Rapids.

David Stoakes, MA, EdD '91, was named superintendent for the Cedar Falls Schools. He had been superintendent at Grinnell-Newburg.

Linda (Kirchhoff) Thomas, BA, joined Advanced Neuromodulation Systems (ANS) as director of communications. She lives in Plano, TX.

'82 John Couture, Sr., BA, received a U.S. patent for solving how to schedule and run complementary and mutually exclusive data on the mainframe computers at Sprint Corp.

Kevin Hess, BA, was named vice president and director of group operations with manufacturing responsibilities for the oilseed processing division with ADM Grain. He works in Decatur, IL.

Joe Renning, BA, MBA '84, retired from a 20-year career in information technology sales, having held executive positions with Unisys, EMC, Oracle and SAP. He and his family live in Lincoln, RI.

Robert Smallwood, BA, stayed in his French Quarter, New Orleans, LA, apartment during Hurricane Katrina and documented what happened in the book, "The Five People You Meet in Hell: Surviving Katrina."

'83 Robert Corkins, BA, has been named state Education Commissioner for the Kansas Public Schools.

Cliff Gardner, BA, is executive vice president of business development at Die-Cast Promotions. He had been a CPA/CFO for 20 years and lives in Double Oak, TX.

Shawn Kelly, BA, co-owns Black Hawk Roof, Cedar Falls.

Julie Nelson, BA, was ranked as a Top 10 Keller Williams Realtor in the largest real estate office in Austin, TX.

Stephen Nockels, BA, works as a budget analyst for Tecolote Research Inc., an Air Force contractor.

'84 John Cowin, BA, owns Central States Agency, a real estate, insurance and appraisal service, in Ledyard and Buffalo Center.

Don DeWaay, BA, owns DeWaay Capital Management, West Des Moines, and does a radio show, "The Profit Zone."

Lisa (Wadle) VanderLugt, BA, has been a third-grade teacher at Aquin Catholic Schools. She has taught at the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota.

'85 Diane (Crane) Bridgewater, BA, is the chief financial officer with Pioneer, West Des Moines.

Debra (Frahm) Reichow, BA, works with her husband at his research lab at Pacific University and with athletes he works with for Nike. They currently live near Portland, OR, but are building a home in Cedar Falls.

Becky (Dennert) Seidl, BA, was named city prosecutor for Joplin, MO. She had been an assistant prosecuting attorney for Newton County, and in private practice prior to that.

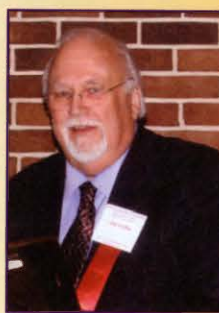
'86 Daneille Stifka, BA, was promoted to vice president of marketing for Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa and South Dakota in Des Moines.

Brian VanderSluis, BA, is superintendent and elementary principal at Twin Cedars Community Schools.

Bandmaster for Life

Jim Coffin, BA '52, MA '64, was awarded an Honorary Life Membership, one of only six in the history of the organization, at the Iowa Bandmasters Association annual spring conference.

Coffin is also the namesake for part of Iowa's jazz band competition. In its fifth year, the festival is now named the Woodward-Granger Jim Coffin Foundation in Jazz Festival. Coffin started the jazz program at Woodward High School in 1956.





Heritage Honours Award

The Heritage Honours Awards, sponsored by the University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association, recently recognized 1971 UNI graduate **James Rudd** of Lake Oswego, Ore., for his civic and professional accomplishments.

Rudd, CEO and principal of Ferguson Wellman Capital Management, Inc., is

one of the top business and civic leaders in the Greater Portland community and the state of Oregon. Currently chairman of the Northwest Branch of Federal Reserve Bank of

San Francisco, Rudd has been named the Oregon Association of Fundraising Professionals Volunteer of the Year and received the United Way Commitment to Service Award and William S. Naito Award for leadership and service.

As a UNI student-athlete, Rudd received a B.A. degree in physical education and health and earned all-American honorable mention honors in 1969. A graduate assistant coach for UNI football coach Stan Sheriff, he played a key role in planning and fundraising for the UNI-Dome.

Rudd is a member of the Panther Scholarship Club and active with the UNI Foundation. He participated in the College of Business Administration's 2006 Alumni-In-Residence program, and has volunteered to serve on the UNI Foundation's upcoming fundraising campaign.



Deborah Vangellow, BA, director of instruction at Sweetwater Country Club in Sugar Land, TX, has been named a "Top 50 Teacher" in the country by Golf For Women magazine. She's also been listed as a top teacher by other golfing magazines.

'87 James Clapsaddle, BA, MA '89, assumed administrator duties of the 49th Medical Support Squadron at Holloman Air Force Base, NM. **Staci (Hemmer) Fry**, BA, MA '92, was named director of volunteer services at the Great River Medical Center, West Burlington. She had been a community health consultant for the state of Iowa.

Rob Gettemy, BA, was appointed principal of Liquid Capital, serving central and eastern Iowa.

Kyle Gingrich, BA, was promoted to vice president of sales at Apache Hose & Belting Inc., Cedar Rapids. He had been general manager of its industrial division.

Tracy (Randall) Liebermann, BA, SpEd '89, is a school psychologist for the Grant Wood Area Education Association, Cedar Rapids.

Darla (Ketelsen) Parks, BA, is the design manager for Panchero's Franchise Corporation, Coralville.

David Paulson, BA, was elected to the board of directors at Warren Transport, Waterloo, and has been promoted to chief financial officer.

David Spies, BA, BA '93, assumed command of the Missouri Army National Guard's 135th Military History Detachment. He currently teaches seventh-grade in St. Charles, MO.

'88 James Langholz, MA, received tenure and was promoted to associate professor in education at Luther College, Decorah.

Jeff Liebermann, BA, is senior director of development for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Iowa Foundation.

'89 Greg Brcka, BA, teaches middle school math in the Ankeny School District.

Todd Dykstra, BA, assumes patient care responsibilities at the West Point Clinic, West Burlington. He is a physician's assistant.

Jane (Brandt) Lindamen, BA, MA '95, EdD '05, is the principal at Bunker Middle School, Evansdale. She held a similar position at Union Middle School.

Carole (Johnson) Sandeen, BA, MA '96, is a licensed mental health therapist at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital. She lives in Juniata, NE.

Steve Schultz, MA, became the 2006 Carroll Chamber of Commerce president. He is assistant to the provost of Des Moines Area Community College.

'90 Randy Bower, BA, earned tenure at Jacksonville (FL) University, where he chairs the computer sciences department.

Jill (Funcke) Brimeyer, BA, accepted the associate editor position at The Iowan, Iowa Gardening and Iowa Commerce magazines, all with Pioneer Communications, Des Moines.

Tim Driscoll, BA, joined the Iowa Foundation for Medical Care, West Des Moines, as a systems administrator. He had been with Wells Fargo.

Ellen (Barth) Habel, BA, is the assistant city administrator for Coralville. She had worked for the Linn County Board of Supervisors.

Karen (Olson) Johnson, BA, became the director of financial reporting for Meredith Corporation. She had been with Deloitte & Touche.

Ann (O'Connor) Lasher, BA, teaches fifth-grade at Lincoln Elementary School, Charles City.

Deanna (Oelmann) Roelfs, BA, is a senior account executive at Osborn & Barr Communications, Des Moines.

Robert Sherwood, BA, is vice president and treasurer with Nationwide Advantage Mortgage Company.

Julie (Andersen) Starnes, BA, is business development director at RSM McGladrey, Cedar Rapids.

'91 Krista (Baker) Baumgartner, BA, and her husband bought the True Value Hardware Store in Sigourney.

Lucy (Wingert) Choplin, BA, was promoted to controller and vice president of corporate accounting, The VGM Group, Waterloo. She has held various accounting positions with the firm.

John Damgaard, BA, was promoted to vice president and general manager of the blood bank division of Mediware Information Systems. He had been the division's chief operating officer. He has also worked with CGA & Associates, Maytag and IBM.

Mary Diers, BA, is the advertising manager/media buyer for GoDaddy.com, Cedar Rapids.

Douglas Funke, BA, was promoted to general services partner with Honkamp Krueger & Co. He continues to manage the audit department in the Cedar Rapids office.

Dennis Jordan, BA, is vice president of project development for Priority One, the economic development arm of the Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce.

Anthony Kuehn, BA, works part-time at Living History Farms, Des Moines and is a stay-at-home dad.

Linda (Clancy) Laylin, BA, is business services manager for the Greater Cedar Valley Alliance, Waterloo-Cedar Falls.

Tim McCann, BA, owns Deck the Walls in Des Moines, which was named one of the Top 100 art and framing retailers in the country by Decor magazine.

James D. Moeller, BA, MA '02, is a special education teacher and eighth-grade football coach at Holmes Junior High, Cedar Falls.

Shelley (Bardon) Till, BA, is the color analyst for the Iowa women's basketball games on the Hawkeye Radio Network. She owns her own coaching and public speaking business.

'92 Joe Raso, BA, MPP '95, is president of the Iowa City Area Development Group.

Allen Ricks, MBA, is the Black Hawk County Extension director for Iowa State University. He had been executive director of Covenant Health Systems Foundation.

'93 Brian Bock, BA, was promoted to vice president, financial adviser, with CUNA Mutual, Cedar Rapids.

Kerri (Hanson) Mohwinkle, BA, teaches seventh- and eighth-grade in Aplington and recently received her master's degree in education from Viterbo University.

Daniel L. Schuster, BA, is the art director at North 40, Cedar Rapids.

'94 Renae (Bergan) Beneke, BA, resigned as Cedar Falls' volleyball coach. She continues to teach at Peet Junior High, Cedar Falls.

Joyce Cameron, BA, was promoted to site coordinator in the community support services program at Exceptional Persons Inc., Waterloo.

Karen (Krapfl) Eischen, BA, was named executive director of the Pella Chamber of Commerce and the Pella Area Development Corporation. She had been director of Pella's Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Greg Fritz, BA, is a city administrator in Pocahontas and was elected to the board of directors of the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities.

Shelley (Brant) Levi, BA, is the art director and head of creative concept development at Great Notions, Dallas, TX. She also works with Applejack Art Partners in Vermont, and illustrates children's books while teaching art history classes to children and selling her own art pieces.

Darin Moeller, BA, is the dean of the Spirit Lake campus for Iowa Lakes Community College. He had been registrar.

James Sanford, BA, conducts the John Hollenbeck Large Ensemble on its CD, "A Blessing," which was nominated for a Grammy Award in the Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album category. He taught jazz at Luther College during the spring semester.

Joelsen Staley, BA, is an accountant for United University Professions, Albany, NY.

Jodi (Proskovec) Wauters, was promoted to operations manager for VGM Financial Services, Waterloo. She had been account manager for its golf market.

'95 Brian Bayeur, BA, was promoted to director of information systems at Heritage Microfilm/Newspaperarchive.com in Cedar Rapids.

Mark Johns, MA, received tenure and was promoted to associate professor of communication studies at Luther College, Decorah.

Jennifer (Erbe) Kennedy, BA, teaches gifted elementary students in Huntsville, AL.

Kathryn (Liljegren) Miller, BA, is a stay-at-home mom who home-schools her four children.

Eric and Brooke (Battay) Rembold, BA, live in Overland Park, KS, with their son. Eric was named associate principal at Shawnee Mission North



High School, Overland Park, where he has taught Spanish. He's earned an MA in school leadership from Baker University.

Justine (Kelding) Rogers, BA, presented a workshop on differential instruction at the Missouri Middle School Association's annual conference.

Bill Strait, BA, was made partner at the Scudder Law Firm in Lincoln, NE.

Tony Strait, BA, was made partner at the Shook, Hardy and Bacon law firm in Kansas City, MO.

'96 Chad Eich, BA, joined GreatAmerica Leasing, Cedar Rapids, as a credit analyst. He had been with General Electric Finance.

James Harken, BA, became the executive director of the Buckeye Main Street Coalition, Buckeye, AZ.

Kristine (Oberheu) Marmie, BA, is the human resources representative for Covenant Health Systems, Waterloo.

Douglas Olsen, BA, was elected president of the board of education of Audubon Community Schools, and is the West Central District president of the Iowa Chiropractic Society.

Charles Silverberg, BA, was promoted to key account sales representative by New Balance Athletic Shoe Inc./Sports Industries Inc.

Terri Wiley, BA, joined Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., as communications and membership director.

'97 Kory Alfred, BA, is director of parks and recreation for the city of Warrensburg. He has held similar positions for Mount Pleasant and Quincy.

Matt Kargol, BA, MA '05, is an art faculty member at Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD.

Chris Kimball, BA, is board secretary and director of finance for the Independence School system. He had worked in financing with VGM.

Janette (Hefty) Maronn, BA, is an elementary school counselor at Marshalltown Community Schools.

Kay Sackville, BA, was promoted to vice president of the Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce.

'98 Holly (Foegen) Armstrong, BA, was recently named communications director for the governor of Washington. She previously served as communications director for the governor of Oregon.

Tracy (Johnston) Benda, BA, moved from Texas to Des Moines to join The Weitz Company as a corporate accountant.

Janelle (Barnett) Darst, BA, is the marketing director at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, UNI.

Brandi Homan, BA, is a copywriter for Abelson Taylor, a Chicago healthcare advertising agency. She had been a copywriter for other agencies prior to this position.

Andrew McDowell, BA, has been an agribusiness underwriter for Allied Insurance, Des Moines.

Emily (Andersen) Vega, BA, became an operations specialist for USBank after having been branch manager. She lives in St. Paul, MN.

Sara (Vanoverbeke) Wolf, BS, is manager for outpatient practice at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. She had been the inpatient clinical dietitian for St. Mary's Hospital general medicine and nephrology patients.

'99 Cindy (Haas) Bennett, BA, is an investment accountant with Homesteaders Life Company, Des Moines. She had been a performance analyst with Investors Management Group.

Molly (Leonard) Berte, BA, joined The Mudd Group, Cedar Falls, in the agency client services area.

Trent Allan DeKoter, BA, is an account manager for RR Donnelly, Iowa City.

Lois (Schlickelman) Enger, MA, received the Outstanding Marshalltown Community College Employee Award. She is assistant professor of business as well as assistant housing director.

Shannon (Smith) McQuillen, BA, is the executive

director of the Trinity Health Foundation, Fort Dodge. She had been director of development for the UNI College of Education.

Michelle Jagodzinski Pooch, MA, received her PhD in school psychology from Indiana State University.

'00 Mark Bracker, BA, completed his MBA at the University of Chicago and was named director of investor relations for Burlington Northern.

Jean Eckert, BA, is administrator for Cedar Falls Health Care Center. She has worked in similar positions in western and southern Iowa, and is an EMT.

Cory Hart, BA, was promoted to brand manager at Casey's General Stores. He lives in Urbandale.

Victoria (Reeves) Ramsay, BA, teaches elementary students in the U-46 school district, Elgin, IL.

Kristen Schuknecht, BA, is office manager for Cedar Falls Counseling Associates.

Bill Taylor, BA, is a job developer for JobLink Placement Services, and works from the Mason City office. He had been with Lutheran Services of Iowa and with Bremwood Children's Home.

Dustin Thorson, BA, was named commercial relationship manager at Regions Bank, Waterloo. He had been with Farm Credit Services.

Ryan Vogt, BA, works at World Data Products in the Minneapolis area.

'01 David Carney, BA, is a programmer for the VGM Group, Waterloo.

Amisha Meinders, BA, joined The Mudd Group, Cedar Falls, as a project analyst. She had been with Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Alissa Klein, BA, joined the law firm of Lane and Waterman, Davenport, as an associate.

Amy Lenox, BA, is a media buyer with The Mudd Group, Cedar Falls.

Jeff Reimers, BA, is assistant vice president and lending officer at First Citizens National Bank, Mason City.

Andrew Wenthe, BA, is associate registrar at Upper Iowa University and plans to run for House District 18 this fall.

Christal Wing, BA, was promoted to branch supervisor for the Veridian Community Credit Union Marion Hy-Vee branch. She had been a senior loan officer.

Stacie (Savits) York, BA, was promoted to assistant manager of Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa's clinics in Urbandale, Newton and Knoxville.

'02 Maggie Austin, BA, is director of nursing at the Cedar Falls Health Care Center. She had worked in geriatric and psychiatric nursing at Covenant Medical Clinic.

Angie Dethlefs-Trettin, BA, is the director of outreach at the Community Foundation, Waterloo. She had been the director of communication and marketing.

Cassady Peterson, BA, began working at Commonwealth Health Corp., Bowling Green, KY, after receiving her doctor of physical therapy degree from Iowa.

Nick Pfeiffer, BA, is the marketing officer at Iowa State Bank and Trust, Iowa City.

Jessica (Svendsen) Wenthold, BA, is the continuing education program manager for Northeast Iowa Community College, Calmar. She and her family live in Mabel, MN.

'03 Barb (Schissel) Anderson, MBA, was honored by Presstime as one of the "20 under 40 administrators in the nation's newspaper industry." She is controller at the Waterloo Courier.

Dustin Briggs, BA, was hired by Work Systems Rehab & Fitness to handle its partnership responsibilities with the Des Moines Buccaneers.

Pete Feltman, BA, plays Brer Fox in the "Adventures of Brer Rabbit" at the Stebens Children's Theatre, Mason City. His day job is youth director at First Presbyterian Church.

Annie Hensley, BA, works for Anderson

Merchandisers, Lincoln, NE, as a sales representative.

Shonda Hertle, BA, is the academic adviser in the College of Education and Human Services at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She received her MA in educational administration from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Alpha Jalloh, MBA, is a credit manager for Wells Fargo Financial and has been accepted into Drake's master of accounting program.

Robyn (Richardson) King, BA, was named marketing specialist at Veridian Credit Union.

Scott Kipp, BA, manages the information technology department for Professional Insurance Planners and Consultants (PIPAC), Cedar Falls.

Karen Loutsch, BA, is a staff accountant at McGowen, Hurst, Clark & Smith, West Des Moines.

Kari (Christianson) Smith, BA, teaches seventh-grade math at Ames Schools.

Scott Stokes, BA, is the registrar at Iowa Lakes Community College. He had been the housing manager and assistant men's basketball coach.

Nathan Tasler, BA, is a production supervisor at Tradewell Pallette, Ashland, NE.

Chad Thomas, BA, is the program coordinator for TIPS, Traumatic Injury Prevention Strategies. He speaks to students about spinal cord injuries.

Justin Wise, BA, is the intern pastor at Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines.

'04 Ben Bottke, BA, joined The Mudd Group, Cedar Falls, in the direct mail services area.

Clint Cota, BA, is the co-manager at Hayes Appraisal, Cedar Falls.

Brad Fowler, BA, is a stand-up comedian in Chicago. He is touring with the Chicago Comedy Classic.

Nicole Fullard, BFA, became the director of the Charles City Arts Center.

Alessandra Mercon, BA, teaches seventh-grade math in the Dallas Independent School District, Dallas, TX.

Allison (Wearda) Mussig, BA, lives in Traer.

Scott Peacock, BA, is an assistant account executive and media relations specialist at RMD Advertising, Columbus, OH.

Lance Routson, BA, is a firefighter for Cedar Falls.

Robin (Nurre) Schuster, BA, is a public information specialist at Florida State University, Panama City.

Caroline (McSorley) Simons, BA, works at Menard's in the garden center. She lives in Council Bluffs.

Olya Stuber, MA, received the Elijah Watt Sells Award from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The award honors outstanding performers on the Unified CPA Examination. She is one of 10 in the nation to receive the award.

Emily Szeszycki, BA, was appointed resource development specialist for the American Red Cross of the Tri-States, Dubuque. She had been a city government reporter for the Dubuque Telegraph Herald.

Troy Tabbert, BA, joined McGladrey & Pullen as an audit associate in Mason City.

Cory Troyna, BA, is employed in the engineering department at Unverferth Manufacturing. He ran for the Aplington City Council.

'05 Ashley Alcott, BA, is the communications officer and jailer at the Cresco-Howard County Law Enforcement Center.

Dana Derflinger, BA, will be a reporter/photographer at WQAD-TV, the Quad Cities. She had been with KCRG-TV.

Jana (Chmelar) Klauke, MA, works as an assistant director of the Career Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL.

Bobbi Petersma, BA, is a human resource specialist for Community Health Care, Inc., Davenport.

Nicole Petersen, BA, works in food and beverage for VGM Club. She had worked at KinderCare.



Marriages

'50s Rose Robinson 2 yr '57 & James Belk

'80s Steven Hauser BA '84 & Jeanne Hindman Leta Tekippe BA '85 & Emory Franklin Darla Ketelsen BA '87 & Randy Parks Kathryn Gibson MBA '88 & David Beaty Linda Godson MA '88 & Len Youngblut

'90s Martha Chenhall BA '91 & Michael Hall Dawn Johnson BA '91 & Tony Rouse Jared Penning BA '91 MBA '04 & Kelly Kreiter BA '02 Clark Winter BA '92 & Jacqueline Crowley Daniel Schuster BA '93 & Bridget Anderson Krista Barker BA '94 & Todd Mulder Timothy Calvert BA '94 & Melissa Eilander Michelle Foster BA '94 & Edward Jaramilo Brad Roberts BA '94 & Melissa Pierson Kristen Schooley BA '95 & Christopher Emmerth Jennifer Bries BA '97 & Chad Chase Brian Price BA '97 MA '05 & Kathlynn Breinich MA '05 Janelle Barnett BA '98 & Randy Darst Erin Bergan BA '98 & Todd Bloomquist Troy Berns BA '98 & Angela Niemczyk Melanie Clark BA '98 & Shawn Brauer Jason Haag BA '98 & Amy Burson Josh Munter BA '98 & Alison Sawyer Aaron Schurman BA '98 & Cheri Gallmeyer Elissa Warrington BA '98 & Dan Berding Jonathan Davis BA '99 & Carrie Shramek Jeff Dietzenbach BA '99 & Aimee Stein BA '98 MA '00 Amy Graham BA '99 & Michael Rasmussen Sara Kirschbaum BA '99 & Jeremiah Keller Amy Knoche BA '99 & Michael Rossi Julie Steinkamp BA '99 & Shane Burcar Jill Willenbring BA '99 & Jason Westhoff

'00s Wallace Almquist III BA & Jina Knepp Deedra Billings BA, MA '02 & Justin Dahlager Ryan Carroll BA & Stacy Kalbach BA '98 Joseph DeJong BA & Kari Juno BA Brad Donohoe BA & Courtney Link Jeff Grimm BA & Melissa Benda Jeff Opsal BA & Nicole Gambell BA '02 Vicki Reeves BA & Lance Ramsay Kyle Switzer BA & Autumn Witmer BA Chad Tomhave BA & Christina Fromme Kara VanDenBerg BA & Joe Ozbun

'01s Joseph Book BA & Amber Koenig Allison Brcka BA & Ben Lorenz Jason Cordes BA & Amber Heilman Lisa Gale BA & Christian Cibula Curt Ihrig BS & Denise Blakeley Amy Kapaun BA & Chad Finney Cory Kendall BA & Heather Thompson BA '02 Erin Noland BA & Charles Kipp Abigail Oglesby BA & Frank Remund Amanda Snyder BA & Dennis Davis Michelle Stelling BA & Jason Shaver Luciana Tedrow BA & Bradley Pike Kelly Thompson BA & Randy Tincher David Wilson BS & Renee Krug

'02s Amy Baedke BA & Jerod Halverson Tim Brewer BA & Beth Reid BA '04 Bryn Ferden BA & Luke Mangrich Nicholas Glew BA & Erica Vogt BA '03 Sara Konrad BA & Anthony Baranowski Nicholas Recker BA & Kara Koson Lindsay Rollins BA & Steven Gelder Heather Rudd BA & Nathan Erickson Jesse White BA & Valerie Hoakison Lynn Zahrobky BA & Jon Augspurger

'03s Jonathan Anderson BA & Amy Thompson BA '04 Gina Aneregg BA & Tim Brown Steven Backes BS '03 BS '05 & Abby Dvorak BA '04 Anne-Marie Bailey BM & Gabriel Rozsa Carla Benson BA & Brian Brislawn Debra Bergfeld BA & Joseph Maxwell Nicole Blaser BA & Stanley Niece Chad Bruck BA & Jennifer Untiedt BA Andrew Brunsen BA & Christina Modelski Sarah Callahan BA & Michael Hora Jamie Carlson BA & Christopher Reimer Karl Christianson BA & Brandon Smith Jennifer Coren BA & Jason Renk Carmin Corwin BA & Jeff Stickfort John Eldridge BA & Allison Meyer BA Rachel Fagerlind BA, MSW '05 & Matthew Hancock Stacy Felderman BA & Jim Hirsch Seth Harms BA & Elizabeth Lightbody BA '04 Ross Miller BA & Tara Schrader Brett Monaghan BA & Sadie Rice-Moon Abby

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'80s Trina Litterer Rupp BA '87 & Thomas Rupp, BA '87, Ankeny IA, daughter Madeline born 6/1/2005.

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Deaths

'20s Marlys Schwarck Eyre BA '26, Marshalltown IA, died 11/16/2005. Leona Williams Knight 2 yr '26 BA '31, Amarillo TX, died 1/5/2006. Lulu Cooper Youde 2 yr '26, Mesa AZ, died 12/17/2005. Esther Perrin Becker 1 yr '28, 2 yr '31, Cedar Falls IA, died 2/9/2006. Fern Bappe Fox 2 yr '28, Wall Lake IA, died 12/17/2005. Delma Henderson Reidsema 2 yr '28 BA '46, Ludington MI, died 7/30/2005. Wilma Adams Markert 2 yr '29, Cedar Rapids IA, died 1/19/2006. Ruth Claney Penningroth 2 yr '29, Manchester IA, died 11/27/2005.

'30s Louise Brown Cooper 2 yr '30, Boone IA, died 3/4/2006. Mina Olin 2 yr '30 BS '34, Deep River IA, died 2/23/2006. Doris Matt Burrack 2 yr '31 Arlington IA, died 2/8/2006. Frances Sandven Dalen 2 yr '31, Ankeny IA, died 5/22/2005. Ardath Unrau Johnson 2 yr '31, Reinbeck IA, died 3/27/2006. Alice Petersen Mortensen 2 yr '31, Cedar Falls IA, died 12/22/2005. Mildred Haffield Peterson 2 yr '31, Mitchell SD, died 10/29/2005. Ruth Noren Hahn 2 yr '32, Des Moines IA, died 11/21/2005. Vivian Gissel Heitland 2 yr '33 BA '61 Flagstaff AZ, died 3/24/2006. Catharina Hoelscher BA '35, Fort Dodge IA, died 1/4/2006. Lillian Frey Schwitters 2 yr '35, Cedar Rapids IA, died 12/22/2005. Alberta Claussen Shovel 2 yr '35, Storm Lake IA, died 10/18/2005. Joyce Lowrey 2 yr '36 Sanborn IA, died 1/12/2006. Helen Pollock Powell 2 yr '37, Denison IA, died 2/27/2006. Phyllis Lang McKimpson BA '38, Oelwein IA, died 1/6/2006. Churchill Williams BS '38, Oelwein IA, died 11/15/2005. Helen Ehrensberger Wilson BA '38, Cobden IL, died 11/11/2005. Marjorie Mather Bencke 2 yr '39, Ames IA, died 2/23/2006. Eugene Bovee BA '39, Lawrence KS, died 10/20/2005. Ruth Schow Juhl 2 yr '39, Garner IA, died 2/7/2006. Margaret Reinhart Kline BA '39, Grundy Center IA, died 1/2/2006. Margaret McElhinney Pfeider BA '39, Poway CA, died 11/29/2005.

'40s Donna Law Sloan 2 yr '41, Sioux City IA, died 11/21/2005. Rita Brown Farmer 2 yr '42, Mequon WI, died 1/26/2006. Josephine Faris Gnagy BA '42, Cedar Falls IA, died 12/30/2005. Nola Hamm 2 yr '42 BA '48 La Porte TX, died 4/27/2005. Eunice Ryan Andres BA '43, Waterloo IA, died 11/23/2005. Josephine Griswold Hoskins 2 yr '43, Tama IA, died 12/2/2005. Wayne McIlrath BA '43, DeKalb IL, died 3/24/2006. Dorothy Lee Harden 2 yr '44, Aurelia IA, died 2/9/2006. Alice Frederick Koval 2 yr '44 BA '49, Marion IA, died 11/17/2005. Marjory Belt Gronemeyer BA '47, Odebolt IA, died 1/28/2006. Richard Seidler BA '47, Spring TX,



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'50s Donna Fangman Busby 2 yr '50, Yuba City CA, died 2/3/2006. **Norma Friedrichsen Lorenzen** BA '50, Deming NM, died 1/8/2006. **Richard Shipley** BA '50 MA '59, Portland OR, died 2/14/2006. **Eleanor Paton Bohnsack** 2 yr '51 BA '75, Iowa City IA, died 11/20/2005. **LaVonne Erwin Dirksen** 2 yr '51, Waverly IA, died 12/30/2005. **Roland Hansen** BA '51, Eau Claire WI, died 1/13/2006. **Robert Newgard** BA '51, Cedar Falls IA, died 12/9/2005. **Doris Thornburgh Saylor** 2 yr '52, Golden CO, died 11/22/2005. **William York** BA '52, Bowling Green OH, died 9/23/2005. **Ray Eiben** BA '53, Bloomington IL, died 3/1/2006. **Virginia Swanson Hanze** 2 yr '54, Mount Pleasant IA, died 1/13/2006. **Carol Schoenthaler Carpenter** 2 yr '56, Coralville IA, died 1/25/2006. **Nancy Grover Ewoldt** 2 yr '56 BA '59, Wheaton IL, died 1/6/2006. **Sharon Walter Smit** BA '57, Sioux Falls SD, died 1/30/2006. **Jim Essig** BA '58, Tucson AZ, died 5/6/2005.

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'80s Judy Kelly Opsal BA '81, Mount Pleasant IA, died 4/20/2005. **Kathleen Conzett Ross** BA '82, Erie PA, died 11/11/2005. **Lawrence Birk** BA '83, Des Moines IA, died 2/27/2006. **Craig Krusemark** BA '84, Fort Huachuca AZ, died 9/24/2005. **Joy Allen Leisinger** BA '85, Readlyn IA, died 11/30/2005. **William James** MA '88 PhD '91, Greensboro NC, died 1/16/2006.

'90s Xina Bolden Zanders BA '90 MA '02, Waterloo IA, died 12/26/2005. **David Hess** BA '91, Eldora IA, died 1/7/2006. **Keleen Block Davidson** BA '93, Maquoketa IA, died 2/6/2006.

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In retrospect and with appreciation

By Jerry Reynolds B.A. '56

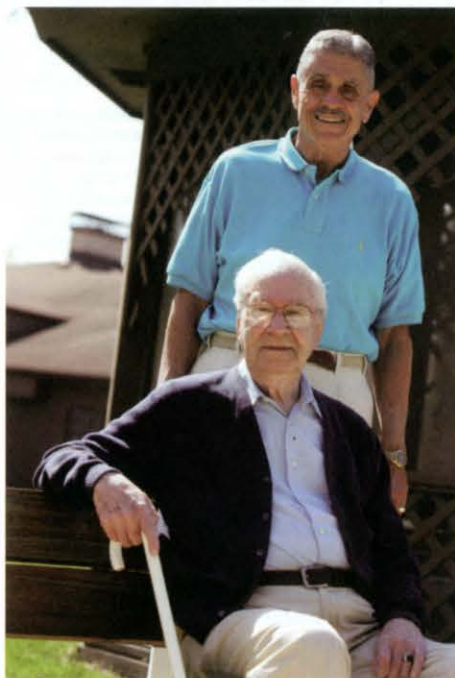
My memories of Iowa State Teachers College are still vivid—probably like my mother's recollections of Iowa State Normal School where she graduated in 1924. Our daughter, a 1984 UNI grad, has the same good memories of her education. Our alma mater continues to demonstrate excellence as a nationally acclaimed institution of higher learning and all alumni (including the graduates of State College of Iowa) can be proud to share in that tradition.

My college education began one humid afternoon in August of '52 when we freshmen climbed the stairs of Stadium Hall, our 'residence hall' located below O.R. Latham Stadium and above the indoor track and locker rooms. We quickly learned that five or six of us would be stacked bunk-bed style in each room. Even the first week of classes and our initiation in Prexy's Pond paled in comparison with what appeared to be a year's 'sentence' in Stadium Hall.

We had moments of self-doubt about whether we could survive that year, yet we knew if we could confront the challenges of Stadium Hall and the academic rigor freshmen customarily encounter, we could graduate three years later. With pride, most of us did.

The general education program grounded us with a solid foundation of liberal arts courses, capstoned with courses in our major and minor fields. The incentive and support to succeed can be largely attributed to the dedicated, experienced faculty, small classes and individual attention. Could we, as prospective teachers, be any more fortunate than to have exemplary professors whom we would model in our teaching careers?

Like my classmates, I worked hard to pay for my education, to stay solvent academically and to graduate in four years with an English major and a speech minor. For this accomplishment I credit the faculty. Significantly, the same scholars under whom we studied in advanced courses skillfully taught the general education classes. I had Dr. Louise Forest, with her Ph.D. from Yale University, for Humanities I the first quarter of my



Jerry Reynolds (standing) and Howard Vander Beek

freshman year and for Shakespeare later as a requirement of my major. This patient prof rescued me in Humanities by teaching me outside class how to write an open-book essay test and gave me rudiments I used later in teaching high school students how to handle the task.

Looking back, I'm not surprised that ISTC shared the distinction with George Peabody College for Teachers and Columbia University/Teachers College as among the best teachers colleges in the country. Likewise today, UNI distinguishes its graduates with a stellar reputation.

Among our many extracurricular opportunities were lecture and concert series, dances, intramurals, intercollegiate athletics, drama and music productions. I recall being the lone English major on the football team, lettering three years under coach 'Buck' Starbeck. Finishing Buck's practice and then overeating at his Commons training table, I could still make play practice in the Aud under drama coaches Hazel Strayer and Stan Wood. To learn and perform under the lights of these three fine coaches was a bonus in my education.

Taking a full load each quarter didn't prevent me from being active in Men's Union, I Club, Speech Club and Phi Sigma Epsilon social fraternity. Faculty expected much of us, yet our professors tempered

their demands, wisely recognizing the critical balance between intellectual and social development in a liberal arts education.

Fifty years has not impaired my memory of the professors —'teachers' at heart — who challenged our preconceptions, lifted our aspirations and equipped us with essential skills of and respect for our profession. The grades I received from Dr. William Lang and Dr. Joe Fox, for example, were incidental in comparison with the 'intellectual buzz' they generated in their classes. Respected for his leadership, President James Maucker also had a significant influence on students.

It is appropriate also to pay tribute to one individual to whom I'm indebted. Dr. Howard Vander Beek was one of my professors and mentors in student teaching. Now professor emeritus of teaching at Price Laboratory School, he had a profound influence on my career. I am fortunate to have him as a friend. He retired in 1981 as chair of the English language arts department at Price Lab, the position he held since joining the staff in 1948. Given the high school English students, college seniors and graduate candidates he taught, Dr. Vander Beek influenced the lives of thousands of students.

At his retirement he said with characteristic humility that his most important task in teaching is "seeing all individuals progress to the fullest of their abilities." As one of those students, I've tried to follow his example in my career.

Memories do endure, particularly those perpetuated by their significant influence on one's life. The years devoted to acquiring an undergraduate education at ISTC I remember well, with a genuine feeling of indebtedness and respect. 🍷

During his 35-year career in education Jerry Reynolds taught in several Iowa schools. In 1971 he became English language arts consultant, K-12, in the Rochester, Minn., Public Schools. He retired in 1992. At 71 he stays active by running. He has served on the UNI Alumni Board and is a "loyal Panther fan."

The Students First Presidency

By CJ Hines and Vicki Grimes

Perhaps Robert Koob's greatest legacy to the University of Northern Iowa can be summed in two words: "Students First."


When he arrived at UNI as its president, Koob said he was amazed by the sense of community, commitment and success of the students.

"But we didn't talk about our values explicitly," said Koob, who retired as president in May, and is taking a one-year leave from UNI. "We couldn't give a shorthand version of what we thought we were about."

That changed, following values-based strategic planning and the formal implementation of a "Students First" mentality. "Everyone who visits here now is amazed that we all know who we are and exactly what we're about," he said. "We tell them we care about our students and want them to succeed. It's our culture to make sure students have that success—that they feel welcome and that we want them to learn, to feel stimulated, to have a great social experience. And that's everywhere. You hear it from the students, the faculty and the staff. Everyone seems to be on the same page."

Extraordinary campus growth occurred under his watch, including the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, the Freeburg Early Childhood Program, the Center for Multicultural Education and the soon-to-open McLeod Center, and expansions to the McCollum Science Hall, Lang Hall and Maucker Union.

"I didn't come in here saying, 'we have to reform everything.' I wanted to let those things that were going well continue to go well ... the university is a living thing that keeps growing all the time, so



"Credit goes to those who have remained flexible and had an open attitude about how we can evolve and do better. That's been one of the really great parts of this experience."

Robert Koob

B.A., chemistry, University of Northern Iowa 1962

Ph.D., chemistry, University of Kansas, 1967

Eighth president/first alum to become its president

Served from 1995-2006

Hometown: Hawarden, Iowa

Family: wife, Yvonne; seven children, 11 grandchildren

you're never really done. But everything I'd hoped to see us doing when I came here is underway. Credit goes to those who have remained flexible and had an open attitude about how we can evolve and do better. That's been one of the really great parts of this experience. People have been willing partners in the growth of the university."

Another Koob legacy is garnering greater recognition and acceptance for UNI. "It's very important to articulate who we are in the context of our community and the state. We've helped our community come together and we're recognized in the state as the truly Iowa university—the one with the most Iowa-rich student body, the fewest out-of-state students. I intentionally involved the university with the broader community. It's a part of raising consciousness that this is okay, it's part of our job. We're here to help these communities grow."

He personally helped that growth through involvement in community organizations, such as Cedar Valley's Promise (which he co-founded), Greater Cedar Valley Alliance and the Waterloo Development Corporation. He also served on many state and national boards, receiving numerous honors for his charitable service.

"The institution as it ages, becomes more complex," Koob said. "One of the

things I tried to do was figure out which layers ought to be added. Community involvement was one of them. It seemed that universities want to be an integral part of their communities."

While Koob dealt with financial struggles through much of his presidency, he worked hard to find the funds to keep the forward momentum, earning the respect of legislators, Regents, taxpayers and other constituencies. For the past several years he donated his salary increases to the UNI Foundation and is taking an unpaid leave rather than burden UNI with his salary.

"UNI has a unique role as a state and regional university, ensuring everyone has an opportunity to get a first-rate education at an affordable rate," Koob said. "The challenge is there's less will for public education and we may have to do things that otherwise wouldn't have been done to finance this service. Hence, the emphasis on private fundraising and the "Students First" campaign and its successors."

After years of "Students First" and placing the university's needs ahead of his own, his new role will be spending more time with his family. He and Yvonne have already moved back to California where they will take a break from the demands of the past 11 years.

"There were all kinds of obligations connected to this role, but the real joy, the thing that I'll miss the most is the energy of being on campus." 🍌

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